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Births.

BOLSBERG.—January 24, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myers, 42 George-street West, the wife of Lewis Bolsberg, Pambula, of a daughter. Both well.

BYRN.—January 25, at Wagga, the wife of W. I. Byrn, Kayrunnera station, N.S.W., of a daughter.

Deaths.

BOLSON.—January 27, 1900, at the residence of his parents, 28 Royse-street, Glebe Point, James Reginald, the dearly beloved son of H. and M. Coulson, aged 7 months.

CURTIS.—January 25, 1900, at his residence, 55 Johnston-street, Woollahra, George Henry Curtis.

DALES.—January 27, Ella Valdivia, the darling child of J. H. Swales, of London and Norwich, England. R.I.P. Home papers please copy.

FILMOT.—January 31, 1900, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. S. H. Miller, Waitangi, Concord-road, Concord, Samuel Wilmot, aged 71.

WREN.—January 26, at the residence of Dr. Wren, Wagga, Emily Geraldine, the beloved wife of W. L. Wren, of Kayrunnera station, N.S.W., and the youngest daughter of Emily and the late Alfred Donnelly, formerly of Outer Netallie, Wilcannia.

In Memoriam.

BLUNT.—In fond and loving memory of my dear wife, who departed this life February 1, 1899. Inserted by her sorrowing husband, R. E. Blunt.

BURKE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Michael Bourke, who departed this life February 1st, 1897, aged 26. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by loving parents and brothers, Michael and Margaret Bourke and family.

COOK.—In loving memory of my dear husband, David Austin Cook, who died February 1, 1899, from injuries accidentally received whilst riding Loch Leich in the Anniversary Handicap at Randwick, January 28, 1899; aged 31 years. Inserted by his loving wife, Lydia Cook.

We miss thee from our home, dear Dave,
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care;
Our home is dark without thee—
We miss thee everywhere.

COOK.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved brother, David Austin Cook, who died February 1st, 1899, through injuries received at Randwick Racecourse, January 28th, 1899. Inserted by his loving brothers, Henry, Lewis, Walter, and George.

COOK.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, David Austin, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital, from injuries received on Randwick Racecourse, aged 26 years and 6 months.

A sudden change, he in a moment fell;
He had not time to bid his friends farewell.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Sophia and Sydney Gilchrist.

COOK.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, David, who met his death while riding in the Anniversary Handicap at Randwick, February 1st, 1899.

A son more true never dwelt on this earth,
Or proved to his mother a true son's worth;
Amidst all my sorrows one joy does remain,
In heaven I hope, Dave, to meet you again.
Inserted by his loving father and mother.

COOK.—In loving memory of my dear friend, David Austin Cook, who departed this life February 1st, 1899.

He left his home in perfect health,
Not dreaming death was near,
He had no time to say farewell
To those he loved so dear.
No more upon this earth I'll see
His dear and loving face,
There is no one in this wide world
Can fill my dear friend's place.
Inserted by his loving friend, G. H. Thompson.

COOK.—In sad but loving memory of David Austin Cook, the last death while riding at Randwick, February 1st, 1899. Inserted by his loving grandfather and uncle, C.E. and A. C. Gosman. "Dead, but not forgotten." Bathurst papers please copy.

DAVIES.—In loving remembrance of Walter Davies, who died at Randwick, 1st February, 1893, in his nineteenth year. Inserted by his father, mother, brothers, and sister. Dearly loved, deeply mourned.

DREWATER.—In loving memory of Edward Frederick Drinkwater, who departed this life February 1, 1899.

HUNT.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Mary Ann, who died February 1st, 1898. Inserted by her loving brothers and sisters.

HUNT.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, who died 1st February, 1893. Inserted by her loving husband, T. Fitzgerald, and children, Mary Anne, Jim, and Ada, Glen Innes.

HUNT.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, Jim, who was accidentally killed 1st February, 1897. Lost, have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his loving wife, A. Webb.

HUNT.—In sad but loving memory of our dear father, John Webb, who was accidentally killed 1st February, 1897. He died as dearly loved, as sadly missed. Inserted by his loving son and daughters, George, Emmie, and Ethel Webb.

HUNT.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Webb, who was accidentally killed 1st February, 1897, aged 53 years. Leaves may wither, but memory never. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and D. Boyds.

HUNT.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Webb, who was accidentally killed 1st February, 1897, aged 53 years. Never shall his memory fade. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and D. Anderson.

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ORISABA	6386	E. E. Lavington	Feb. 2	Feb. 6	Feb. 8
*OROYA	6298	R. Fletcher	Feb. 16	Feb. 20	Feb. 22
*OPHIR	6601	P. S. Symons	Feb. 28	Mar. 6	Mar. 8
*ORUBA	5662	J. Lindsay	Mar. 14	Mar. 20	Mar. 22
*ORMUZ	6787	H. W. Lloyd	Mar. 28	April 3	April 5
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S.S. WAIHORA, WEDNESDAY, February 21, at 5 p.m.
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S.S. MOKOIA, SATURDAY, February 10, at 1 p.m.
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ALBANY FREMANTLE	Steamer early.
BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH HOCKHAMPTON BUNDABERG	Peregrine, Saturday, February 3, 12 noon. Gabo, Tuesday, February 6, 5 p.m. Leura, Saturday, Feb. 10, 12 noon.
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MARYBOROUGH ...	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 6
BUNDABERG ...	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 6
GLADSTONE ...	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 6
ROCKHAMPTON ...	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 6
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Cargo received daily for all places on Hunter, Williams, and Paterson Rivers. No cargo received after 5 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. Bonded Goods received up to 4 p.m., Saturdays 12 o'clock.
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BARQUE ARTEMIS.
All CLAIMS against this vessel must be rendered in duplicate at the office of the undersigned by FRIDAY, the 2nd February, at 10 o'clock, otherwise they will not be recognised.
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FOR SALE, VESSELS, from 10 to 200 tons. W. S. Clarke and Son, Circular Quay.

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Business Announcements.

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THESE ARE THE LEADING SHAPES, BUT WE STOCK A FULL RANGE of All Classes of GENTLEMEN'S HAT WEAR.
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Public Notices.

NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.
The undermentioned SUBSCRIPTIONS and DONATIONS received during the month

Government Railways.

EXCURSION TRIPS TO HAWKESBURY RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
TRAINS leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m. on SATURDAYS, 9 a.m. and 9.32 a.m. on SUNDAYS, and leave Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m. on both days.
The River Trip will occupy five hours.
Seventy miles by rail and 36 by steamer.
RETURN FARES, including Steamer Trip: FIRST-CLASS, 5s 6d; SECOND-CLASS, 3s 6d.
SPECIAL TRIP on WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

BRIGHTON RACES.
THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1900.
A SPECIAL TRAIN for First and Second Class Passengers will leave Sydney at 1.55 p.m. for Rockdale, returning from Rockdale after races, and Trams will connect with same from and to Rockdale Station.
THROUGH RETURN FARES, Sydney to Brighton Racecourse:—FIRST-CLASS, 6s (including admission to Grand Stand); SECOND-CLASS, 3s (including admission to Racecourse only).
By order of the Commissioners,
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Office of the Railway Commissioners,
Sydney, 31st January, 1900.
TENDERS for the undermentioned WORKS and SUPPLIES will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office, Bridge-street, Sydney, until 12 o'clock on the undermentioned dates:—
MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1900.
The SUPPLY of the FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF TIMBER FOR SEASONING:—Blackbutt, Tallow Wood, Kauri, Oregon, Cedar, Redwood, Beech, and Ash.
Tender forms and further particulars can be obtained at the Comptroller of Stores' Office, Eveleigh. Tenderers are required to state the time in which they are prepared to complete supply.
A preliminary deposit equal to 1 per cent. of the value of the contract must accompany each tender.
ADDITIONS, &c., TO JUNEE ENGINE SHED. Particulars Junee Railway Station.
THE PURCHASE AND REMOVAL OF THE BUILDING recently used by Invoice Clerks at Darling Harbour. Particulars Existing Lines Office, Bridge-street, Sydney.
PAINTING STATION BUILDINGS at Hornsby Junction, Woy Woy, Yallah, Wollongong, Burwood, Harris Park, Liverpool, and Katoomba; ALSO GOODS SHEDS at Hornsby Junction and Wollongong. Particulars Existing Lines Office, Bridge-street, Sydney.
THE SUPPLY, ERECTION, AND MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, AT THE NORTH SHORE POWER HOUSE, OF AN ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERY of 260 cells, each having a storage capacity of 800 ampere-hours. Particulars Electrical Engineer's Office, 51 Phillip-street, Sydney.

MONDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY, 1900.
THE SUPPLY OF THE UNDERMENTIONED STORES, as required from 1st July, 1900, to 30th June, 1901:—
1. Ironmongery, General
2. Ironmongery, Builders'
3. Ironmongery, Tools
4. Explosives
5. Screws
6. Fencing Wire
7. Fireproof Safes
8. Handles
9. Weighing Machines, &c.
10. Metals
11. Galvanised Iron and Tinware
12. Plumbers and Gasfitters' Ironmongery
13. Wrought Iron Pipe and Fittings
14. Iron and Brass Founders' Stores
15. Cocks, Valves, and Fittings
16. Machine and Boiler Fittings
17. Iron and Steel Plates, Chains, &c.
18. India Rubber Goods
19. Brushware, No. 1
20. Brushware, No. 2
21. Colours
22. Varnishes
23. Glass
24. Lamp Chimneys, Globes, &c.
25. Glass and Earthenware
26. Ship Chandlery
27. Leather Belting, Hose, &c.
28. Drapery
29. Chemicals, Drugs, &c.
30. Soap
31. Furniture, Joinery, &c.
32. Firebricks, Clay, &c.
33. Earthenware Pipes
34. Grindstones
35. Metal Badges, Type, &c.
36. Canvas Goods, Tents, &c.
37. Typewriter and Copier Supplies
38. Rubber Stamps, Ink, &c.
39. Brass and E.P. Ware
40. Electric Light and Telegraph Material
41. Timber
42. Coke and Smiths' Coal
43. Kerosene Oil, American
44. Kerosene Oil, N.S. Wales manufacture
45. Boiled Oil
46. Raw Oil
47. Colza Oil
48. Canvas
49. Cement
50. Cotton Waste
51. Poultry Coops
52. Disinfectants
53. Files
54. Fog Signals
55. Glue
56. Galvanised Iron
57. Angle and Tee Iron and Steel
58. Bar Iron
59. Bar Iron, Yorkshire
60. Iron Baffler Plates
61. Iron Castings, Tramways
62. Iron Castings, Per. Way, Newcastle
63. White and Red Lead
64. Moulding Loam
65. Engine Packing
66. Cast Iron Pipes
67. Rope, Manilla and N.Z. Flax
68. Shale
69. Sponge
70. Coal Tar.

THE RENDERING OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:—
The Washing of Car Linen
Cartage
Lighterage.

Tender forms and further particulars can be obtained at the Office of the Comptroller of Stores, Eveleigh.
A preliminary deposit equal to 1 per cent. of the annual value of the contract must accompany each tender.
Each tender must be enclosed in a separate envelope and endorsed with the Contract Schedule Number, thus:—"Tender for Schedule No. 1, General Ironmongery," or as the case may be.
The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

For Sale.

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FIXTURES, 2 Counters, Counter Showcase, separately or one lot, cheap. Clifford and Co., Annandale.

FOR SALE, Student's MICROSCOPE. Apply H. Newbon, 53 Ben Boyd-rd., Neutral Bay.

SINGER'S latest impr. Sewing Machine, all complete, cheap. 3 Central Arcade, off 545 George-st.

FOR SALE, Office TABLES, Glass Cases, Counters, Partitions, Doors, Work Tables. Kurtz, 228 Pitt-st.

COUNTERS, Glass Cases, Shop and Office Fittings, cheap. Childs and Koops, 115 Liverpool-st.

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GAS Stove, Eureka, 407, enamel top; New Dresser, Safe, Dining Table, cheap. Clifton, Kirribilli Pt.

SALE NOW ON.—Furniture for cottage or mansion, hotel or restaurant. Reduced Prices. Austrian Chairs, 3s; Dining Tables, 12 x 4, extension 4 x 3, from 7s 6d; Glazed Dressers, Leather Suites, 70s; Cedar Chests Drawers, 20s; Schoolroom and Office Furniture, Solid Walnut and Cedar Wardrobes, 40 Bookcases, Secretaires, Singer Latest Sewing Machine 60s, superb Pianos from £10, American Barbers' Chairs, Mirrors, Dentists, Invalids' Commode, Easy Chairs, Partitioning Screens, Eureka Gas Stove 50s. ELLIOTT'S, 483 George-st., nr. Goulburn-st.

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RIP VAN WINKLE.
Miss MAUD HEWSON and HOWARD VERNON and full Company.
Booking at Paling's; no extra charge.

ILLUSIONS AND CYCLORAMA.
MAGIC, MIRTH, MYSTERY,
OPEN from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 7 to 10 p.m.
A COMBINATION OF WONDERS.
JERUSALEM AS IT WAS AT THE TIME OF CHRIST.
A City of Marble Palaces Resurrected.
Visions of Angels, Aerial Effects, &c.
Explanations at short intervals.
At 3 and 8 p.m., FULL LECTURES, with HIGH-CLASS MUSIC, THUNDER, LIGHTNING, and STORM.
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ADMISSION TO ALL 1s; CHILDREN, 6d.

CIVIC CONCERT. Bushman's Contingent present. Mr. Walter Bentley will recite Charge of the Light Brigade.

MANDOLIN, Violin, Guitar, Banjo Tuition, terms moderate. Peel's Teaching Studios, 5 Hunter-st.

THE THIRD MATINEE
of
TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES
will be given
TO-DAY, THURSDAY, FEB., 1st,
at 2.
AFTERNOON TEA FOR TESS MATINEES.—The institution of AFTERNOON TEA and ICES at the last Matinee of "TESS" was so evidently appreciated by the large number of LADIES who were present that it will be repeated at every future Matinee at this Theatre.

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Lessee and Manager, Mr. J. C. WILLIAMSON.
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"TESS" IS THE PLAY OF THE HOUR.
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EDITH CRANE ..... as ..... "TESS."
Ask your Friends what they think of it.
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MUSICAL DIRECTOR .... Mr. GEO. HALL
SCENERY by Messrs. GOATCHER and GORDON.
Box Plan at Elvy's. PRICES: Dress Circle and Reserved Stalls, 5s; Stalls, 3s; Family Circle, One Shilling. Early Door, Family Circle ONLY, to 7.30 p.m., 1s extra. Children in arms not admitted.

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A Tremendous Fall in the Price of Photographs. Now here it is. Truly a startling offer. Be sure you read this carefully. You will then see what a drop, what a wonderful drop this is, and please understand, this price is to all comers; adults and children one price. Walking Dress or Evening Dress, Bust Pictures, three-quarter or full length, all one price, viz., 12 Beautiful High-art Cabinets and a Hand-finished Enlargement, Framed in massive first-quality Frame, for 12s 6d. Note the price, 12s 6d; just 2s 6d less than any other house in the profession. Don't mistake, Framed Picture is about 26 x 22 inches, and you have a free choice of many best-quality mouldings, so that you can have a frame to suit your furniture without extra charge. Don't forget the price is only 12s 6d; that is just 2s 6d less than any other house. And then, again, if you want the fashionable Paris Panels, they are only 10s 6d per dozen; that is just 2s cheaper than any other house in Sydney. Note the price, 10s 6d per dozen. And now for another big drop. High-art Cabinets, the very best it is possible to get, for 6s per dozen. Note the price, 6s per dozen. These prices have never before been known in Sydney. Bravo, New South Wales, and success to our Brave Bush Contingent!

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PERMANENT ARTILLERY BAND WILL ATTEND.
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TOWN HALL.
SATURDAY, AT 8. SATURDAY.
GRAND BUSHMEN'S PATRIOTIC CONCERT.
The Contingent will be present.
Proceeds to be devoted to Bushmen's Fund.
SPECIAL PROGRAMME.
Naval and Military Decorations.
Admission, 1s; Early Door, 6d extra.

DANCING.—Prof. and Miss READ'S 1s Beginners' Practice Class THIS EVENING. The Theatre to LET. Best and cheapest hall in Sydney. Lessons alone.

BRIGHTON RACING CLUB. PONY, GALLOWAY, and TROTTING MEETING. TO-DAY, THURSDAY, February 1st. TO-DAY. TO-DAY. TO-DAY.
First Race at 2.40 p.m.
Ordinary Trains at 12.10, 1.10, 2.10, 2.25 p.m.
Special Train at 1.55 p.m.
Train, Tram, and Paddock, 6s only.
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HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, £500, about 2 miles
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GREAT EASTERN STEEPLECHASE, £1000, 3½ miles
HILLS RAILWAY STAKES, £250, 5 furlongs.
ENTRIES for above will be received by Mr. GEO. W. S. ROWE at the Warwick Farm Office THIS DAY up to 3 p.m. Full programme and entry forms at that office.
NOMINATION, 1 SOV. EACH RACE.
A. VON DOUSSA,
Woodside, S.A. Secretary O.R.C.

CIVIC CONCERT, Town Hall, Saturday, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Walter Bentley (actor) will recite.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON EXCURSIONS to the HAWKESBURY RIVER.
S.S. NEWCASTLE, 1251 tons.
NEXT SATURDAY (weather permitting), from Wharf foot of Market-street, at 2 o'clock sharp, arriving in Sydney on return about 7 p.m.
Tea 1s, provided by the Company. Band engaged.
Return Fare, 2s. F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
The N. and H. R. S. S. Co., Ltd., 147 Sussex-st., Syd.

EAST SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB'S CARNIVAL at Farmer's Domain Baths, Next SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1900.
First Race starts at 2 p.m.

CIVIC CONCERT, Town Hall, Saturday, at 8 o'clock. Bushman's Contingent will be present.

JUST PUBLISHED, "THE EMPIRE" WALTZ, by Violet Chesney Quin. Price, 2s. Half the profits to Patriotic Fund, by composer's wish.
ELVY and COMPANY, 329 George-street.

NOW READY, "THE UNION JACK OF ENGLAND," New National Patriotic Song, by DAVID NABLE. Price, 2s.
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W.C.T.U. HARBOUR EXCURSION, SATURDAY, No. 4 Jetty. Tickets, 1s.

Meetings.

FREETRADE CONFERENCE.
A MEETING of Freetraders to Elect Delegates to represent New South Wales at the Freetrade Conference to be held in Sydney on 14th and 15th FEBRUARY will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, THIS EVENING, 1st February, at 8 o'clock.
Chairman: Hon. E. PULSFORD, M.L.C.
F. E. M'LEAN }
FRANK GRIMLEY } Hon. Secs.

N.S.W. PATRIOTIC FUND.
A MEETING of the Committee of the N.S. Wales Patriotic Fund will be held THIS DAY, Thursday, 1st February, 1900, at 4 p.m., at the Bank of New South Wales.
BUSINESS: Adoption of Bylaws for the Administration of the Fund.
HENRY CHAS. MITCHELL, Sec.

BOROUGH OF MARRICKVILLE.
PROPOSED VOLUNTEER COMPANY.
A Public MEETING will be held in the Town Hall, Marrickville, on THURSDAY, February 1st, 1900, to decide what steps shall be taken to form a Volunteer Company in connection with one of the Popular Regiments.
All those willing to enrol are requested to attend.
Chair to be taken at 8 p.m.
W. W. CLARKE, Mayor.
Town Hall, Marrickville,
30th January, 1900.

NO. 15, King William III., Newtown, meets TO-NIGHT, at Oddfellows' Hall, Enmore-road, at 7.45. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. E. CULLUM, W.M.; W. BARBER, Sec. Box No. 4 P.O., Newtown.

L.O.L., 30, meet TO-NIGHT, at 8, Presbyterian Hall, Paddington. Alf. E. Elliott, sec.

GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 2.45 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of February, 1900, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the Half-year ended December 31st last, and to transact general business.
By order of the Board,
G. A. RICHARDS,
Acting Manager.
Sydney, January 31st, 1900.

GIRILAMBONE COPPER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Half-yearly General MEETING of the Company will be held at noon on TUESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1900, at the Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 120 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the Half-year ended December 31st last, and to transact general business.
By order of the Board,
G. A. RICHARDS,
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Sydney, January 31st, 1900.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
MATINEES OF THE PANTOMIME,
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD,
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Tenders.

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Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF HUNTER'S HILL.
ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the following Nominations have been received by me, viz.:—
Aldermen—
WEST WARD: FRANK M'NEIL, of Fig Tree-road, Hunter's Hill, Insurance Agent.
CENTRAL WARD: CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, of Drummoyne-street, Hunter's Hill, Merchant.
EAST WARD: ALFRED JOHN EDGINGTON, of Gale-street, Woolwich, Accountant.
Auditors—
JOHN DOBBIE, of Alexandra-street, Hunter's Hill, Teacher, and EDWARD GEORGE SLOANE FOSTER, of Alexandra-street, Hunter's Hill, Accountant.
BERNARD M'BRIDE,
Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Hunter's Hill,
January 30, 1900.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MANLY.
The following NOMINATIONS have been received for the Office of ALDERMEN and AUDITORS:—
As Alderman for Wentworth Ward:
OWEN CARROLL.
For Fairlight Ward:
JOHN JOSEPH DARGAN.
For Steyne Ward:
JOHN DUNMORE LANG PATISON
and
ELLISON WENTWORTH QUIRK.
As Auditors:
FRANCIS HUNT
and
JOHN THOMAS BEVERLEY WEDDERBURN.
W. H. FLETCHER,
Mayor and Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Manly,
30th January, 1900.

SOUTH WARD, RANDWICK.—Mr. T. W. TAYLOR will Address the Ratepayers from the Royal Hotel, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock. J. A. L. Perry, ex-Mayor, will preside.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.
NOTICE is hereby given that I have received the following Nominations for the Positions of ALDERMEN and AUDITORS for the Borough of Waverley:—
For Aldermen:
BONDI WARD.—JAMES TERREY, 21 Bennett-street.
JOSEPH WILLIAM PYNSENT, Simpson-street.
WAVERLEY WARD.—WILLIAM JOHN BLUNT, Leichhardt-street.
THOMAS CUMMINS, Bennett-street.
NELSON WARD.—WILLIAM MACLEOD, Botany-street.
WILLIAM CHARLES TIPPER, St. Thomas-street.
LAWSON WARD.—WALTER CARTER, 262 Oxford-street.
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For Auditors:
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WILLIAM HENRY PERRY, 8 Llandaff-street.
WILLIAM PETER DAWSON, Mill Hill-road.
WATKIN WYNNE,
Mayor and Returning Officer.
Council-chambers, Waverley,
January 30th, 1900.

BONDI WARD.—J. W. PYNSENT will Address the Ratepayers on FRIDAY Next, at 8 p.m., at the Cliff Hotel, Bondi. Alderman Watkins, J.P., will preside. Come and hear his views.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicils of SAMUEL BILLINGSLEY DIGHT, late of Glenford, near Singleton, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 23rd day of March, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executors. Dated this 31st day of January, A.D. 1900. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. A. J. GOULD, by his Agents, GOULD and SHAW, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ELIZABETH BINNIE, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-third day of March at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirty-first day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HENRY SHAW MILLARD, late of Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales, Clerk in Holy Orders, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the fourth accounts in the above estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-first day of March at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirty-first day of January, A.D. 1900. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ELIZA COLLINS, late of North Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, with power to sell the real estate of the said deceased, may be granted to ANNIE BEAVERS, of Kogarah, in the colony of New South Wales, a Sister of the said deceased, and application will also be made that Bond may be dispensed with; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are requested to send particulars of the same to the undersigned. Dated this first day of February, 1900. CLAYTON and PRATT, Proctors for the Applicant, City Bank-chambers, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY WILSON, late of Narromine, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT WILSON, of Narromine, Farmer, the eldest son of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. Dated this fifth day of December, 1899. JAMES A. RAMBER, Proctor for the Administrator, Narromine. By his agent, CHARLES A. WALKER, 5 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SAMUEL EZRA DYER, late of Windsor, in the colony of New South Wales, Boot Manufacturer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HUBERT RICHARD SALISBURY DYER and ELIZABETH ANN DYER, the Executor and Executrix named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of CHARLES ALEXANDER WALKER, 5 Moore-street, Sydney. WILLIAM WALKER and SON, Proctors for the Executor and Executrix, Windsor. By their agent, CHARLES A. WALKER, 5 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY ARGYLE CAMPBELL CARFRAE, late of Coraki, in the colony of New South Wales, Landholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS YABSLEY, of Coraki aforesaid, Farmer, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all Creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned FRANK MURPHY, Proctor for the Executor, Coraki. By his Agent, FRANK NORRIE, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM JOHN VINE, late of Penrith, in the colony of New South Wales, Enginedriver, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANN VINE, the Widow of the said deceased and the sole Executrix named in the said Will; and all creditors are to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, and all notices are to be served on J. A. L. PERRY, Proctor for the Executrix, 8 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ANNIE MASON, late of Cameron-street, Balmain, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FREDERICK CHARLES HOWARD, of Grove-street, Balmain aforesaid, the sole Executor named in the said Will. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Applicant, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HARRISON, late of Sapling Creek, near Laggan, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY WILLIAM HARRISON, the Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, CHARLES THOMAS CLIFTON, Proctor, Crookwell. By his agents, Messrs. CARRUTHERS and M'DONALD, Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of GEORGE HENRY CURTIS, late of 56 John-street, Woollahra, in the colony of New South Wales, Valuator, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to VICTORIA MARIA CURTIS, the Widow of the said deceased, on whom all notices may be served at above address, and claims of creditors. V. M. CURTIS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of AUGUSTA LOUISA DORRON, late of Quirindi, in the colony of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN AUGUSTUS DORRON, father of the said deceased.
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LICENSED DRAINERS.—Tenders wanted Drainage 12 Houses, William-st., Paddington. W. Trevener.

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TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of Extensive Additions to Store Premises in Argyle-street, Camden, for Charles T. Whiteman, Esq. Plans and specifications may be seen at Mr. C. T. Whiteman's store, Camden; or at the offices of the undersigned. Tenders close on MONDAY, 19th February, at 12 o'clock noon. JOHN E. KEMP, Architect, &c. Late Morell and Kemp, 182 Phillip-street.

TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. We are prepared to Supply TESTED PORTLAND CEMENT, Rock Brand, in any quantity, at reduced prices. Country buyers will save 14 miles railway carriage. GOODLET and SMITH, Limited, 493 George-street, or Cement Works, Granville.

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TENDERS are invited from Persons willing to clear 23 acres, Willoughby-road. Apply J. H. LUCAS, Licensed Surveyor, 41 Castlereagh-street.

TO BRICKLAYERS.—TENDERS invited for the Erection of Brick Lime Pits at Glue Works, Alexandria. Full particulars MARKWALD, 11 Pitt-street.

TO CARTERS.—PRICE wanted, fill in well at Cobden-ville, 24 Windsor-road, Petersham. Address to BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., 98 Pitt-street.

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TENDERS to Supply 100 Tons Dry Boxwood, at Petersham station. Apply P. W., Petersham P.O.

UNIVERSITY OVAL.—TENDERS are invited for Tarring and Sand, two Tennis Courts. H. D. Wood.

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Auction Sales.

MAIZE, CHAFF, OATS, HAY, WHEAT, &c., &c. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 noon sharp. At our Salerooms, Corporation-buildings, corner Market and Sussex streets. 200 Bags Prime American Maize, entirely free of weevil, just landing. 300 Bags Northern River Maize. 1500 Bags Prime Victorian Chaff, fresh shipment, just landing. 86 Bales Best Victorian Racehorse Oaten Hay. 200 Bags Straw Chaff. 2 Trucks good Milling Wheat. 1 Truck Chickwheat. 112 Bags Oats. GEO. WELLS and MATTHEWS have received instructions to sell by auction as above. POSITIVE SALE. LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

PRODUCE SALES.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION. SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Thursday, as under:— HAIR, HORNS, and BONES.—At the various Stores, at 9.30 a.m.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Stock Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Milch Cows and Springers. At half-past 2, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, &c.

HAIR, HORNS, and BONES.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell THIS DAY, at their Stores, Circular Quay, HORNS and BONES.

A. MITCHELL will sell THIS DAY, at 10.30, at Clatinda, Ruthven-st., Waverley, Furniture, &c.

INGLIS AND SON'S BAZAAR. IMPORTANT NOTICE. On and after JANUARY 2nd, 1900, the Sales at our BAZAAR will commence as under, viz.:— Turnouts at 10.30 a.m. Advertised lots at 11.30 a.m. *** No turnouts (excepting those advertised) will be admitted into the Bazaar after 11 o'clock. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, 244 Pitt-street.

PONY, BRADLEY CART TURNOUT. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. PETTIT to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, AT 11.30 O'CLOCK, Chestnut Pony Mare, 12 hands high, 6 years, very quiet and a good harness pony; neat Bradley Cart, by Angus, and set first-class Harness.

STYLISH PONY VILLAGE CART. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. J. CASHMORE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, AT 11.30 A.M., Very Neat Pony Village Cart, with back seat, strong and well built, and almost new.

UPSTANDING SOCIABLE HORSE. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Cooper to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 o'clock, Dk.-bay Gelding, 16 hands high, thoroughly tractable, very quiet, and showy in harness; would suit sociable or brougham.

BROUGHAM (by Mullner). WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., First-class Brougham (by Mullner), very light and in splendid order.

DELIVERY VAN TURNOUT. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. HOOPER to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, THIS DAY, at 11.30, Brown active Draught Gelding, thoroughly staunch; Parcel Delivery Van and Harness.

CHESTNUT PONY AND FRENCH VILLAGE CART. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Chestnut Pony Gelding, 13 hands, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, and very fast; also French Village Cart, in first-class order.

RELIABLE HARNESS HORSE. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Pollock to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 o'clock, Upstanding Grey Gelding, broken to saddle and harness, very reliable, subject to trial.

HIGH-CLASS SURRY WAGGON AND HARNESS. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. H. Ryan to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Very superior Surry Waggon (cost 50 gs.), in perfect order, and good set Harness.

SUP. Cutunder Eng. Sociable, family Cob, and Har.; also very stylish Pony Dogcart Turnout, SALE, THIS DAY, 12, Messrs. INGLIS and SON'S BAZAAR.

1ST-CLASS VICTORIA TURNOUT, SUPERIOR HIGH-WHEELED DOGCART, RUGS, MATS, &c. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. O. E. TELEKY, late of the BADEN BADEN Hotel, to sell by auction, at their BAZAAR, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.30 O'CLOCK, PRINCE, upstanding Black Gelding, 16.2 high, thoroughly reliable; first-class Victoria (by Kearey), pole and shafts, set Brass-mtd. Harness. Also, superior High-wheeled Dogcart, Knee Rugs, Mats, Whips, &c.

PONIES. PONIES. PONIES. 15 Exceptionally Choice PONIES from the Celebrated EDINGLASSIE STUD. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. WHITE BROS., EDINGLASSIE, Muswellbrook, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, Feb. 2nd, at 12 o'clock, 15 EXTRA CHOICE PONIES, 13 to 14 hands high, strong and shapely, with splendid action, broken to saddle and harness. The above are described by Messrs. White as equal to anything they have ever sent to this market. They are by the IMPORTED ENGLISH HACKNEY COB PONY "ARDEN" and the IMPORTED ARAB "KARS," from well-bred Mares. *** Included in the number is VICTORIA, WINNER OF FOUR FIRST PRIZES at Muswellbrook Shows, and A REAL BEAUTY. THE AUCTIONEERS WITH CONFIDENCE INVITE BUYERS' ATTENTION TO THE ABOVE SALE, AS IT IS RARELY THAT AN OPPORTUNITY OCCURS OF SECURING PONIES SUCH AS THE PRESENT.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES. CAMPERDOWN YARDS. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, at 2.30 p.m. 60 SIXTY HEAD. 60. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above. On account Messrs. T. and W. D. MOXHAM: 30 Heavy and Active Draught Horses, 4 to 6 years old, all in splendid condition, broken and unbroken. On account of Mr. L. MEURANT, Little Hartley. 10 Fresh Country Horses, comprising draughts and springcart sorts, also light harness and saddle descriptions, mostly broken in. On account of Mr. A. E. H. CARTER, Bowral. 10 Very Superior Horses, broken and unbroken. Full particulars not yet to hand. On account of WESTERN AGENTS, ORANGE. 10 Useful Horses, principally good sorts of light harness and saddle horses.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp, On account of Messrs. M'Intosh Brothers, S. M'Minn, T. Briggs, D. Boutfler, and other Owners, 60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts. At half-past 3 o'clock, 80 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, George-street, THIS DAY, at half-past 2 o'clock, 20 Prime Fat Calves, from Campbelltown. 30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Picton. 30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Camden. 25 Ditto ditto Pigs, from Camden. 30 Ditto ditto ditto, Picton. 15 Ditto ditto ditto, from Campbelltown. 30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Suburban Owners.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS. SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1900. 200 HEAD CHOICE DAIRY FAT and STORE CATTLE. WEAVER and PERRY will sell by auction as above on SATURDAY, 3rd February, at 2 p.m. sharp., 200 Head Choice Dairy Fat and Store Cattle, comprising 40 choice Dairy Cows and Heifers, forward springers, from 1 to 3 weeks off calving. 40 Store Cows and backward springers, in grand condition. 60 high-class Dairy Heifers, principally half-bred Jerseys and Ayrshires, all from picked cows, 2 to 3 years old, well grown and in grand condition. 40 Prime Fat Cows, from local paddocks. 20 Prime Fat Cows, from the Macquarie. N.B.—Train leaves Sydney for St. Marys at 10.15 a.m. on morning of sale. ALL CATTLE YARDED WILL BE FOUND UP TO REPRESENTATION. THE HEIFERS ARE AN ESPECIALLY GOOD LOT.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. BANKSIA, WINDSOR-ROAD, SUMMER HILL, LEWISHAM. TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m. ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE OF ELEGANT MODERN FURNITURE. FINE PIANOFORTE, HARMONIUM. SUPERB SIDEBOARD and B. R. SUITES. DINING TABLE with patent screw. All requisites and appointments of various rooms, all beautifully clean and tasteful, and for sale owing to Mrs. Van. Someren leaving for Europe. INSPECTION THIS DAY, THURSDAY, from 2 p.m., and MORNING of SALE. *** A SPECIALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY for YOUNG GENTRY FURNISHING and TRADE BUYERS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, AUCTIONEERS. Tel., 200 Burwood.

TO CROCKERYWARE BUYERS, CUTLERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS. FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION. At my NEW MART, on FRIDAY, 2nd February, at 11 o'clock sharp. EXTENSIVE STOCK, CONSISTING OF Cups and Saucers, Teapots, Plates, Flat Dishes, Dinner Services, Fancy China Tea Sets, Sets of Jugs, Mugs, China and Glass Cruets, Tumblers, Sugars and Butters, Glass Dishes, Lolly Glasses, Fish Globes, Toiletware, Lamps, Lamp Chimneys. Cutlery, Spoons and Forks, E.P. Ware, Holloware, Brushware, Bellows, Enamelled Ware, Tinware, Combs, Hand Mirrors, Nails (assorted sizes), Tubs. Also Saws, Hammers, Chisels, Locks, Pincers, Clippers, Wrenches, Files, Taps, Plyers, Butchers' Knives, Braces, Cutlery, Handsaws, Gimlets, Revolvers, Stocks and Dies, Dish Covers, Tinware, Oil Cans, Steamers, Tea Strainers, Polishing Paste, Lemon Squeezers, Bradawls, Clasps and Staples, Brass Furniture. HARRY ISAACS has received instructions to sell the above, at his New Mart, rear Bull's-chambers, Moore-street, city. WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30. MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, superior Furniture, including Suite, Pictures, Ornaments, Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine, cedar and pine Tables, Austrian Chairs, Bedsteads, S. Mattresses, clean Bedding, &c. No Reserve.

H. LEVY sells at 75 Engine-st., at 2.30, Clothing, Jewellery, Furniture, Sundries, &c.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT to LADIES and GENTLEMEN FURNISHING. HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION of ELEGANT and COSTLY FURNITURE, PIANO, and EFFECTS, at 103 THE BOULEVARD, DULWICH HILL, 2 minutes from tram terminus and 7 minutes from Lewisham Station. Under instructions from D. GRAHAM, Esq., on account of his departure for Tasmania. THIS DAY, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, at 11 o'clock. MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE in beautiful burr walnut case. The Celebrated Ronisch. The quality and the purity of tone of this well-known instrument need no comment, suffice it to say this is nearly new, the largest but one of the models, and is pronounced by critics as perfect. Piano Buyers should examine. DALWOOD AND CO. have received instructions from D. GRAHAM, Esq., to conduct this highly IMPORTANT SALE, at his Residence, THE BOULEVARD, DULWICH HILL. Catalogues now ready. Full Particulars in last Saturday's Issue.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEB. 1, at 11 a.m. On the Premises, HARRIS-STREET, PYRMONT, FOR POSITIVE SALE. 2-h.p. BOILER and ENGINE, ANVILS, VICES, PUNCHING and SHEARING MACHINE, BELLOWS, BLACKSMITHS' TOOLS, Saw Grinders and Setters, QUANTITY of CIRCULAR and CROSSCUT SAWS, KEYS, BRASS TAPS, HAND SAWS, DRILLS, GENERAL CARPENTERS' TOOLS, and SUNDRIES. *** To be first submitted as a going concern in one lot, failing a satisfactory offer to be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Particulars from Auctioneers. BARNARD AND CO. have been instructed to sell as above. Auctioneers' Offices: 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, at 3 p.m. Sharp. On the Premises, 78 SURREY-STREET, DARLINGHURST. FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE. WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, "VICTOR." CEDAR SIDEBOARD, P.G. BACK, HALL STAND. AUSTRIAN FURNITURE, COUCHES, PICTURES. WARDROBES WITH P.G. DOOR. DUCHESSE PAIRS, CHESTS OF DRAWERS. DOUBLE AND SINGLE TUBULAR BEDSTEADS, BEDDING. DINING AND OTHER TABLES, CARPETS, LINOLEUM. HOUSEHOLD AND LAUNDRY UTENSILS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction as above. Auctioneers' Office, 74 Castlereagh-street.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 A.M., at the Rooms, 71 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, CITY. BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. STOCK-IN-TRADE of a GRINDERY MERCHANT, comprising IRON AND WOOD LASTS, BLOCKING MACHINE, 12 SEWING MACHINES, EYELETTING MACHINE, PUNCHING MACHINES, REPAIRING STANDS AND FEET, ROANS, LININGS, EYELETS, HEMP, BRISTLES, PEGS, RIVETS, TIPS, THREADS, SILK, AND GENERAL STOCK, 2 AVERY'S WEIGHING MACHINES. Also, a CLEAN AND WELL-ASSORTED STOCK OF GROCERIES, JAMS, PICKELS, SAUCES, STARCH, SODA, JELLIES, TEA, JAMS, CANDLES, SOAP, BISCUITS, LOLLIES, VINEGAR, BRUSHWARE, SCALES AND WEIGHTS, AVERY'S PLATFORM SCALES. COUNTERS, FIXTURES, AND FITTINGS. BARNARD and CO. will sell as above. POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE. Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m. AT 548 OLD SOUTH HEAD-ROAD (5 Kidman's Villas), WAVERLEY, near Junction of Old South Head-road and Edgecliff-road. Edgecliff-road 'bus to terminus, or Bondi tram to Junction; 3 minutes' walk from either. UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects. VERY HANDSOME WALNUT PIANOFORTE, Mignon. This is one of the largest models imported, and can be confidently recommended to those seeking an instrument of a high grade. It is rich in tone and perfect in touch. A REALLY GOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, English Walnut Frames, faithfully upholstered in Silk Tapestry, with Silk Plush Borders. (Worth inspecting). ELEGANT SOLID WALNUT OCCASIONAL TABLE. Inlaid Walnut Whatnot, Cornice Pole and Curtains. A Quality Linoleum (laid new at Christmas), Rugs in Axminster and Goat Skin, Bohemian Vases. SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTEL, with Bevelled Glass. Passage Cloth, Axminster Slip Mats, Coir Mat. MASSIVE EXTENSION DINING TABLE, size when fully extended 7ft. 6in., Stained Walnut Top, with Solid Blackwood Legs. China and Glass Ware, Cruets, Cheese Dish, &c. VERY ELEGANT ROCHESTER VASE LAMP (painted). Austrian Chairs, Bamboo Canterbury, Jardiniere Stand. 8-Day Clock, Very Superior Tapestry Table Cover. HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITE, in Solid Beech, consisting of 4ft. 6in. Beaconsfield Wardrobe with Bevelled Glass, 3ft. 6in. Dressing Chest with Bevelled Glass, and Marble-top Washstand with Bevelled Glass and Pedestal Cupboard. VERY HANDSOME 4ft. 6in. PARISIAN BEDSTEAD, Enamelled Black, with Massive Brass Mounts, fitted with Raised-end Woven Wire Mattress, best Kapok Bedding, and Hangings. Set of Good Toilet Ware, 7-drawer Cedar Chest Drs. Rust and Willow Chairs, China Trinket Set. Handsome China Clock, Toilet Table and Glass. Kitchen Table, 4 x 3 Pine-top Table, Wire Mattress. Kitchen Utensils and Sundries. LARGE ROCKING HORSE (nearly new, cost £5 10s). EVERYTHING IS IN SPLENDID CONDITION. Buyers will do well to inspect.

H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions from the owner TO SELL, THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. WITHOUT RESERVE. To the Retail Drapery Trade, Country Buyers, Dealers, and Others. FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION. At the Rooms, 12 Barrack-street. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP. SPECIAL CONSIGNMENT of MEN'S, BOYS', and YOUTHS' CLOTHING in SUITS, TROUSERS, and TROUSERS and VESTS. Also, GENERAL DRAPERY and MERCERY in Calicoes, Sheetings, Silesias, Prints, Flannel, Flannelettes, Women's and Children's Hosiery, Corsets, Underclothing, Ribbons, Laces, Silks, Velvets, Haberdashery, Trimmed Hats, Millinery, &c., &c. A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, February 1, at 11 o'clock sharp.

BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock. UNRESERVED SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, 140 GEORGE-STREET, late Parramatta-road, CAMPERDOWN. Under instructions from Mr. H. CARDWELL. 200 Sheets A1 Galvanised Iron, in lengths 5 to 9 ft. 3000ft. 6 x 1¼ Hardwood Flooring. 2000ft. 4 x 2½, 3 x 3, 3 x 2. 600ft. Hardwood Weatherboard. 5000ft. Super 3 x 1 Battens, 12 Doors, Box Frames and Sashes complete, 500ft. new Baltic Flooring, Kauri Flooring, Studs, Joists, Girders, Guttering, &c., &c. 1 new Matron Range, 1 small Kent Stove, 160ft. Stone Footings, &c. Most of the materials are nearly new and have been taken carefully down from a large joinery manufactory and stables. All materials purchased will be loaded on the carts. A. BARNETT has been favoured with instructions to sell, as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY. JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, The unredeemed Pledges pawned with the Park-street Loan Office, 8 Park-street. At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 12 o'clock: Sundries, comprising Field and Opera Glasses, Cutlery, Platedware, Books, Clocks, Guns, Revolvers, &c. At 2 o'clock: Jewellery, comprising Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches, Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings, Gold Alberts, Chains, Necklets, Lockets, Pins, Links, Brooches, Earrings, Bangles, Links, Studs, &c.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 1st, at 11 a.m. UNREDEEMED PLEDGES. A. G. JENKINS will sell, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, Unredeemed Pledges pawned at the Adelaide Loan Office, consisting of CLOTHING and SUNDRIES.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, at 11 a.m. A. G. JENKINS has been instructed by the Proprietor, who is relinquishing business, to sell, on the Premises, Elizabeth-street, near King-street, Stock of Books.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., at G.P.O. Yard, Martin-place. GUILLE and CO., of Newtown, will auction, on account Government N. S. Wales, BUILDING MATERIAL, &c., comprising— Large Quantity Freestone. Freestone Balusters. Quantity Tinted, Milled, Ground Plateglass (assorted). Mirror Glass Panels. Pigiron and Scrap ditto. Steel Rails, W. Iron Joists. Castiron Scrap, Copper and Brass Piping. Scrap Copper and Lead. 3000 Marl Tiles or Checker Bricks. Wrought and Galvd. Iron Piping. Quantity of Granite and Trachyte. Large Quantity of Timber, H.W., &c. Framing, Doors and Sashes. Quantity of Hoardings and Tar Barrels. No Reserve. Terms, Cash.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, AT 11 A.M. IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS of LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Limited, 128, 130 PITT-STREET (near King-street). VERY SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. Removed from a Gentleman's Residence at SUMMER HILL, and on account of other vendors. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE. TABLE GLASS, CHINA, CUTLERY, EXTRA QUALITY ELECTROPLATE. DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, including VERY HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, in SOLID AMERICAN WALNUT, size 6ft., boldly designed and constructed with bevelled-edged mirror back, side brackets, and fitted with drawers, enclosed cupboards, and wine cellarette. SOLID WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in morocco leather, consisting of Two Carver's Chairs, Large Lounge, Easy Chairs, and Nine Dining Chairs. TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, fitted with patent screw and spare leaves extending 6.10 and 12 ft. ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON. LARGE CHESTERFIELD LOUNGE, upholstered in Ruby Morocco Leather. ELEGANT OVERMANTELS, in Chippendale and American Walnut. ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS, sizes 14 x 12, 12 x 12, and 11 x 8.8. DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, including ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, beautifully upholstered in Silk, Tapestry, and Plush. HANDSOME ROSEWOOD CABINET, fitted with numerous bevelled-edged mirrors, and constructed with Cupboards and Recesses. OCCASIONAL TABLES and CHAIRS. CHOICE ORNAMENTS, WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS. VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS. LARGE DIVAN EASY CHAIRS. VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by Ronisch, in beautiful Walnut Case. SEVERAL NEW and SECOND-HAND PIANOFORTES by Renowned Makers. EXTRA LARGE CEDAR BOOKCASE, size 7ft., the top portion enclosed with plateglass doors and movable shelves, the underneath fitted with enclosed Cabinets. SMALL LIBRARY OF BOOKS. BEDROOM FURNITURE. SUITES FOR DOUBLE AND SINGLE APARTMENTS, ALL-BRASS ITALIAN BEDSTEAD, size 6ft. 6in. x 5ft., furnished with Woven Wire Spring Mattress, Kapok Mattress, Bolster, and Pillows. DOUBLE AND SINGLE HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, with Spring Mattresses and Superior Bedding complete. EUGENE BEDROOM LOUNGES. TWO ICE REFRIGERATORS. PATENT TWO-ROLLER MANGLE, almost new, and in good order, and A LARGE QUANTITY OF MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EFFECTS and USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Also, QUANTITY OFFICE FURNITURE, including Office Tables, Desks with Pigeonholes, Letter Copying Presses, and Stands, &c. SEVERAL IRON FIRE-PROOF SAFES by Phillips and Son, Birmingham; Onward Safe Co.; W. Marr and Son, Southwark; and T. Withers, Bromwich. And MEDICAL and SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, which belonged to the late Dr. Maxwell. &c., &c., &c. LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited, JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction as above, AT THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 1st, at the CITY MART, at Half-past Eleven o'clock, CEYLON TEAS. Shipments ex Orizaba and Himalaya, from Colombo. 350 Packages useful grades. By order of Messrs. FRASER, RAMSAY, and CO. Muster Packages Open and On View. FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction as above. Catalogues issued to the trade.

ORDER OF SALE. SHARE and PROPERTIES, to be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., by HUGH DUFF and CO., AT THEIR SALE ROOMS, 109 PITT-STREET.

SHARE.—1 Civil Service Co-operative Share.

DULWICH HILL, GEORGE-STREET, 'Bus passes door. —COTTAGE RESIDENCE, brick on stone, containing WIDE ENTRANCE HALL, DRAWING, DINING, BREAKFAST ROOMS, 5 bedrooms, bathroom (hot and cold water), kitchen (with splendid range), washhouse fitted with tubs and copper. Land 52ft. 6in. x 160.

DULWICH HILL, PILE-STREET, and abutting on to the above, an Allotment, 52ft. 6in. x 160ft.

HORNSBY, close to NORMANHURST and WAHROONGA Stations.—9 ACRES, 4½ being orchard, orange, lemon, mandarin, and summer fruit; Brick COTTAGE of 2 rooms, and foundation laid for 2 other rooms, verandah 3 sides, city water and gas pass the property.

TURRAMURRA, Right at Station.—VALUABLE and IMPORTANT BUSINESS SITE, THREE ROAD FRONTAGES, 120ft. frontage to LANE COVE-ROAD, 170ft. frontage to WILLIAM-STREET, depth of 112ft. to 261ft. SHOP and COTTAGE.

MANLY.—Grand Residential Site, VIEWS OF THE HARBOUR and OCEAN. IN ONE LOT OR BLOCKS FROM 50ft., having frontage of 315ft. to SYDNEY-ROAD, 140ft. to WOOD'S-PARADE, 22ft. along other side, and adjoining the RESIDENCE of Mr. PAXTON.

Full particulars from HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 109 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE. SHARES, CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

SHARES.—2000 Hurstville Brick and Land I. Co., Ltd., 20s, paid to 12s 6d.

CITY.—Splendid Corner Block of Land, King and Clarence streets, close to W. Gardiner and Co., Ltd., Warehouse.

PADDINGTON.—Butcher's Shop, Gurner and Norfolk streets; Shop, Gurner-street; and Grocer's Shop and Dwelling, Norfolk and Suffolk streets.

BONDI.—Residence, "Seaforth," Bondi-road, Executor's Sale.

ENMORE.—Allotment, Marian-street, close to Enmore-road. It is planted and fenced.

DITTO.—House, No 41, "Brookside," Fulham-street, between Simmons and Reiby streets.

PARRAMATTA.—Residence, "Willaroo," Campbell-street, little east of Pitt-row. Leasehold.

BALMAIN.—Three Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 627 to 631 Darling-street, between Merton and Nelson streets.

DITTO.—Four W.B. Cottages, Nos. 53 to 59 College-street, between Curtis-road and Cameron-street.

DITTO.—2 Houses and Cottage, Nos. 21 to 25 Stephen-street, north of Donnelly-street. Executor's Sale.

DITTO.—Cottage, No. 30 Ann-street (abutting on above). Executor's Sale.

DITTO.—House, No. 52 Llewellyn-street, near to tram at Town Hall.

MANLY BEACH.—Cottage, "Pembroke," Wood-street, close to ferry wharf.

RANDWICK.—Allotment, Grange-street, near Mr. Huddart's Residence.

RYDE.—Allotments, Church-street, between Small and Ryde streets. Executor's Sale.

KOGARAH.—"Talbert Villa," Cottage, Montgomery-street, close to station. Mortgagee's Sale.

BRINGELLY.—Block of 440ac., known as Whitton Park, with all improvements, adj. Mr. Mayne's Greendale Estate.

VARIOUS REVERSIONARY INTERESTS, under Wills, subject to testamentary expenses, administration and other charges. Full particulars from E. Lucas, Esq., Solicitor, Castlereagh-street. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

TWO THOUSAND SHARES in the HURSTVILLE Steam Brick and Land Invt. Co., Ltd., each £1, paid to 12s 6d each. Auction Sale at our Rooms, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 2nd February, at 11.30 a.m. (4411) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

NOTICE. LITHOGRAPHS ARE NOW READY for THE MARTIN PLACE LAND, for AUCTION SALE WEDNESDAY, 14th February, 1900. RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., Auctioneers, HARDIE and GORMAN, Pitt-street.

SILEX ESTATE, MOSMAN HEIGHTS. THIRD SUBDIVISION on the ESTABLISHED LIBERAL LINES of BROAD FRONTAGES and LONG DEPTHS. MAGNIFICENT VIEWS over Harbour, City, and Surrounding Suburbs. FERRY and TRAM of easy access. High-class surroundings. Good elevation. Perfect drainage. Gas and Water. PUBLIC AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, on NEXT SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, at 3 p.m. TERMS Extremely Liberal. TITLE, Torrens. LITHOS obtainable from the Auctioneers. BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd. A. E. HEYWOOD, Esq., Bligh-street, is Solicitor to the Estate.

(For Continuation see Index to Advertisements.)

THE REBEL.

Being a Memoir of Anthony, fourth Earl of Cherwell, including an Account of the Rising at Taunton in 1684, compiled and set forth by his cousin, SIR HILARY MACE, BART., Custos Rotulorum for the County of Wilts.

Edited, with some Notes, by H. B. MARRIOTT WATSON.

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CHAPTER IV.

WHAT BEFELL IN THE WINEHOUSE.

Now this house was none other than Shepherd's, approached by a back way, and, quite unawares, Cherwell had stumbled upon the very assembly of which he had been in search. So he issued forth from the recess with brightening eyes, and stood looking on them with a smile. But immediately there fell consternation on the company and some swords were drawn.

"The devil take you," said one big fellow. "But you shall have no time now to pity yourself for a spy," and he was for flinging himself upon my lord, who only laughed.

"Come, come," he said, "I am no spy, though so I should appear. But spies are not used to show themselves so boldly. And, moreover, there sits my lord Howard, and he, I'll warrant, will speak to me."

Lord Howard was staring at him, with his little sour and humorous smile.

"'Tis true," said he, "this is my lord Cherwell, I'll speak to his name. I bid you welcome, my lord, but I cannot speak to your opinions."

"My lord," says Cherwell, flashing out, "my history is known to you."

"Aye," he says slowly, "you were of my lord Shaftesbury's friends; but Ashley is fallen," he says.

"And I," said Cherwell haughtily, "am newly come from my lord Shaftesbury with letters for Lord Russell and his Grace."

At this Howard's face changed. "Is it so?" he said. "I crave pardon, my lord, but the world changes oversoon, and one is accustomed to meet the conspirator of to-day in the judge to-morrow. Not that we are conspirators here; oh no, my lord. We are a simple company tasting of Mr. Shepher's wine. And I will recommend to you that bottle, my lord,—a brave red bottle out of Burgundy."

At this my lord laughed, and, all suspicion being now at an end, sat down among them, and filled a glass. There were half a dozen of them hatching this plot, and, as was manifest afterwards to any one without bias, in two very different ways, and with two very different designs. For Lords Russell and Essex, with Algernon Sydney and Mr. Hampden, were for the succession of the Duke of Monmouth; whereas the more desperate accomplices desired the King's death along with his brother's. Of these, Rumsey and Rumbold were present that night, and Lord Howard, who wanted no man knew what, also one Grimshaw Goodenough, who was once under-sheriff of London, and West, a man of education and of a cynical wit. But of the other party there was not one, and my lord asked presently for Lord Russell.

"My lord is not here, having particular private matters," said the man Rumsey quickly. "But I have spoken with him, and am convinced that he has this business at heart."

Rumsey had previously been in Cromwell's army, but had an evil reputation, and was, indeed, but a soldier of fortune and worse, whereas Rumbold, who had also served with the Protector, was of a fanatical temper, and a man of some estate.

"That is very well," says Cherwell lightly, "but where is your proof for this, sir? And are we to take for granted that the Lords Essex and Russell will join in this matter?"

"Not only they, but Sidney, too," said West boldly, "and I trust my lord Cherwell also."

"What I?" says Cherwell easily. "No! faith, not I"—at which there was a movement among the rest.

"I said," quoth Howard with a grin, "that I knew not your opinions, my lord?"

"And what are yours?" asked my lord, turning on him. "What are yours, I would ask you, my lord? I have heard great nonsense talked here, and (what is more) a great crime. That is the word, my lord, and I ask you to consider it. What else is it at which these gentlemen hint, Mr. West with his sly face, and Mr. Rumsey with his smile? They would have the Duke of Monmouth upon the throne for the sake of the Protestant succession. Why so would I, so would we all. But upon that comes a wink and a leer, and it is. How then would you deal with his Highness, and what will be his fortune? I tell you, my lord and gentlemen, 'tis an ugly deed at which ye are glancing. What else means this talk in whispers and in dark sayings? And I would have ye tell me what it is this 'lopping'* does signify that ye talk of."

"You shall know that, my lord," suddenly said Rumbold, rising to his feet, pale, and striking on the table. "The Lord of Hosts shall learn ye that soon enough. I will have no concealment. These deeds shall be fetched forth into the light."

"Aye," says Cherwell, "in the day of judgment."

"And the day of judgment is come," exclaimed the fanatic. "It has come for the Duke of York; yes, and for the King too."

"You have a design against his Majesty?" says Cherwell quickly, looking on the company.

Lord Howard cast his glance down upon the table, and the rest gave no answer save Rumbold, who was still upon his feet and now beside himself.

"Yes, we have a design," he said firmly, "and I will see to it that 'tis carried out. We are no children playing at quarrels, my lord, but very serious men, that have God's command upon us."

At that Cherwell gave a laugh, but the other went on with no attention. "I have put my house and my life at the disposal of this council, and 'tis for them to answer; for we shall yet lop this tree so that the young shoots shall bear fruit in due season, and according to God's appointment."

Lord Howard was looking askew at Anthony, but West was the first that broke in.

"'Twere easier to take them at the play than at Hodsdon," said he.

"Sure," says Howard with a grin, "they were best taken in so suitable a spot that they may die in their calling."

But my lord sprang to his feet. "My lord," said he sharply. "You jest out of time. As this worthy fellow tells you, ye are here grave and earnest men, and not to cackle over a joke. But what a folly are you debating, that you think of this wicked course? I am come from Lord Shaftesbury, and I have spent much time with him. There is no man I honour as his lordship. I wish to God, too, that I might see his Grace of Monmouth ascending to his father's throne, as is his proper right. But think you that these desires will fetch about the course of history? Nay; Shaftesbury will fight no more, and his Grace is no true leader. Ye would stand by a failing cause. I would not have you abandon that which is just, out of a fancy that it will not prevail, but rather to cleave to it. But ye must seek some other way. This cause is a noble one, to keep the true religion within this realm; but what do you propose to yourselves, foolish men? You would exact the penalties which only God has the power to inflict, and that by abominable treachery. The King has betrayed the nation. Well; it is for us to remedy that trait'rous act. The Duke hangs upon us like a menace; we must thrust that menace away. I will have nought to do with your 'loppings.' Nay, I am no enemy, gentlemen, to 'loppings.' God do so to me and more also if in the day of my trial I should be found wanting. My father is evidence for me, and the true history of my race. Yet I bear testimony that you are guilty of folly and of crime if ye push this thing further. What have we taken out of the death of King Charles I? what save this very present case in which we are. These feelings come with the rebound and spread inordinately. His Majesty was welcomed in the streets of London with greater acclamations than ever his father or grandfather. 'Twas Cromwell's act that prepared the way for him. Think upon that, and consider. As for me, my Lord Howard, I wash my fingers of the business, I disdain it; I go no further. And I would ask some gentleman if he would be so good as to guide me from this house."

When he had finished on these words he stood where he was, breathing a little sharper, as one described it, and passing his quick glances all about them. None spake for a moment, and then 'twas Grimshaw of whom you shall hear anon.

"You have good counsel for your security, my lord," said he with a sneer. "His Majesty should thank you for your pleading."

But on that my lord broke furiously forth, as he was wont, and forgetting all his argument.

"By God," says he angrily, "but the king is the king, and that I say; and I think shame that his power should be disturbed by such crop-eared rogues."

Then angry words threw the whole assembly into confusion, and Rumsey and Rumbold rose with their swords drawn. My lord laughed shortly, and with one hand he contemptuously unhooked his scabbard and took it by the haft, meaning that he would scorn to be at the pains to defend himself against such as those with the sword. But here West interposed in his cunning way, so as to sooth them.

"It seems," says he "that we are liker to lop one another than any kings and princes."

"I will have you understand," said Cherwell sternly, "that I am not oneof you."

"And will spread this intelligence against us," put in Goodenough, who had sat quiet till now.

Rumsey uttered an oath; but my lord gave no answer, lowering his brows on those antagonists.

"I have asked," he said in a cool voice, "that some gentleman among you shall be pleased to conduct me from this house. My lord Howard, I wait on you."

Howard pulled up his shoulders in a motion. "I am not master here," he answered; "and 'tis pretty certain I shall be conducted myself an' I taste further of this wine."

(To be Continued.)

* "Lopping" was used by these Rye House conspirators very euphemistically. See Burnett's "History of His Own Time," Book III.—Ed.

RANDWICK ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children was held yesterday afternoon at the institution, Randwick. Mr. John Macpherson (president) occupied the chair, and there were on the platform Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., the Revs. William Hough and C. H. Talbot, Dr. Roach (medical officer), Messrs. A. Dean, R. Anderson, J. Wallace, and H. W. Hammond. Apologies for absence were received from his Excellency the Governor, the Mayor of Sydney, and other gentlemen.

Before the business proceedings commenced an inspection was made by many visitors of the buildings. The large dining-hall was nicely decorated with flags and festoons, &c., and an excellent display of fancy and plain sewing, the work of the girls, was on view. There was also a large assortment of vegetables, grown at the farm, on exhibition. The Catherine Hayes Hospital was also tastefully decorated. All the children looked remarkably well and healthy, and were neatly dressed. The whole of the apartments and dormitories were scrupulously clean. The superintendent of the institution is Mr. Joseph Coulter, J.P., the matron Mrs. Jennings, and the officer in charge of the hospital Miss Lovel.

The 48th annual report of the board of directors expressed satisfaction, both at the success which had attended the operations of the society, and the increased support it had received at the hands of the public. From a tabulated statement attached it was shown that 38 children had been admitted during the year, making a total of 4926 benefited since 1852. Of this number 2957 had been apprenticed to subscribers, and 2203 had been discharged to parents or friends. The kindly interest evinced by Lord and Lady Hampden was acknowledged. The annual contribution received from the public had increased from £511 4s 3d in 1898 to £836 19s 4d in 1899. The number of boys in the institution on December 31, 1899, was 86, and 63 girls, or a total of 149, compared with 158 the year before. The daily average for the year was 155. The total expenditure for the year was £3013 (on account of maintenance, management, and education), making the average cost per head £19 8s 9½d, deduction being made of the amount paid by parents on account of their children. Parents had contributed £420 11s 10d for the year. In the city £448 had been collected and £319 in the country from the public—a total of £767. The principal sources of revenue, which enabled the institution to be carried on, were derived from interest on investment of legacies and bequests. No pecuniary support had been received from the Government since 1885. The bank overdraft on December 31 was £792 7s 4d. The amount to the credit of the apprentices' fund on December 31, 1899, was £842. With few exceptions the apprentices were doing well. The sum of £368 had been spent in repairs to the buildings, and £150 for fire-extinguishing appliances. A tribute of respect was paid to the late Mrs. Jane Darvall, of Ryde, who was always a great friend of the institution.

The directors, in conclusion, solicited increased support, "not only to the cause of Australia, but in the cause of childhood, of nature, and of God."

The honorary medical officer's report showed that the general health of the children had been good. There had been no deaths during the year, and none for 13 years.

The chairman, in moving that the report and balance-sheet be adopted and printed for circulation, referred to the satisfactory results achieved.

Mr. David Storey seconded, and trusted that the Government would augment the public subscriptions on the £ for £ basis. There was room in the institution for 700 or 800 children, instead of 150, but when hampered through want of funds this number could not possibly be accommodated.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Rev. C. H. Talbot moved, and Mr. John Wallace seconded, and it was carried, that the thanks of the subscribers be given to the hon. office-bearers and directors for their services during the past year, and that Mr. John Macpherson, J.P., be re-elected president, and Messrs. Alexander Dean, J.P., and Robert Anderson, J.P., vice-presidents.

The chairman announced the resignation, through business reasons, of the hon. treasurer, Mr. James Stedman, who had been connected with the society since 1886, and who was one of its warmest supporters.

A motion recording the regret of the subscribers at his resignation was carried.

Mr. A. Dean moved, and it was carried, that Mr. W. T. Waters, J.P., be elected hon. treasurer.

The following directors were elected:—Messrs. David Davis and David Storey, M.L.A., John Forsyth, J.P., and Alderman Theo. Powell.

On the motion of Mr. R. Anderson, seconded by Mr. D. Storey, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officials for their services during the past year. Mr. Joseph Coulter, J.P. (superintendent) suitably responded on their behalf.

The girls of the institution having sung "The Soldiers of the Queen," a vote of thanks was tendered the chairman, and the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

THE WOLLONGONG SHOW.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The three days' show opened under favourable conditions. The season has been good, stock is looking first-class, but notwithstanding this the entries only approximate those of last years, when the season was not so favourable. The quality is, however, better on the whole, especially in dairy cattle and poultry, the entries being numerous. There were a number of fine draught and hunting horses on the ground, and the judges were very favourably impressed. There was a fine show of fruit. There is disappointment at the Government not being represented. The pavilions were thoroughly filled in every department except that for agricultural products. The attendance was very fair for the first day. The awards to hand are:—

Fat Cattle.—Ox: E. Callarey. Cow: J. Rathwell. Three bullocks: W. J. Jeffery. Calf: J. Rathwell.

Sheep.—Lindsay Brothers.

Swine.—J. Heninger and J. Rathwell.

Poultry.—Principal winners: Bonaventure Farm, Mrs. H. Cadell, L. S. Ramsay, K. Ramsay, C. W. Craig, A. Chatto, E. Upward, W. Harris, J. H. Wilkinson, A. Munro, G. H. Mould, J. Bourke, Mrs. F. Partridge, J. Brown, Campbell and Co., Robson, and J. Walsh.

Dogs.—Collie dog, T. Farrell; slut, F. W. Philpotts. Cattle dog, Lindsay Brothers; slut, J. Anderson. Foxterriers, D. V. Kerr and J. Southall.

Farm Produce.—Oats, barley, wheat, rye: W. A. Denison. Maize: J. Porter.

Dairy Produce.—Cask of butter: J. Fredericks, 1; W. E. Fackender, 2. Table and retail butter: W. E. Fackender. Separated butter: J. Fredericks. Export butter: Woodstock Factory.

Fruit: P. M'Namara, H. King, G. H. Moulds, R. Gilmore, R. G. Walker, W. M'Kenzie, A. Long.

Horses.—Blood stallion: 3 years and over, R. Elliott; 2 years and under 3, J. Heninger 1, W. Coughran 2; 2 years old, G. Lindsay. Mare: 3 years old, R. Elliott 1, G. Lindsay 2. Filly: W. Coughran. Draught stallion: 3 years, R. J. Thorne 1, D. Manson 2; 2 years and over, D. Manson 1, E. Healy 2. Mare: 3 years and over, D. Manson; 1 and 2 and special. Mare (Bulli Colliery Company): F. W. Spinks. Filly: D. Manson. Coaching stallion: A. Hare. Pair plough horses: F. W. Spinks, 1; J. Porter, 2. Active farm stallion: R. J. Thorne, 1 and 2. Gelding: F. W. Spinks, 1 and 2. Pony stallion: R. J. Thorne. Pit horse, R. J. Thorne. Springcart horse: C. E. Weston, 1; J. Jones, 2. Buggy horse: J. D. Morton, 1; J. Brown, 2. Boy rider: R. James, 1; J. Wilson, 2. Galloway in harness: J. A. Salter, 1; H. D. Morton, 2. Equestrienne: Miss Wood, 1; Miss Graham, 2.

THE MESSIAH.

There was a large congregation present at St. Thomas' Church, North Sydney, last evening, the occasion being the rendering of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah" (Part I.). The church choir was augmented by about 24 members of St. Andrew's Cathedral choir, the whole numbering between 70 and 80 voices. The soloists were:—Soprano, Master Miller (St. Andrew's); alto, Master S. Massey (St. Thomas'); tenor, Mr. W. R. Sayers (St. Thomas'); and bass, Mr. O. Taylor (St. Andrew's). Mr. E. J. Massey was the conductor, and Mr. Joseph Massey (church organist) presided at the organ. The oratorio was given with much effect, the choruses receiving great support from an efficient string orchestra and the organ. The soloists were in excellent voice, and the rendering of the oratorio as a whole was as successful as those already undertaken by St. Thomas' choir, under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Massey. The "Hallelujah Chorus" brought the service to a close.

TRAMWAY CONSTRUCTION.

The Minister for Public Works has submitted the following statement of the progress and present condition of the tramway construction works now in hand by his department:—

Gore Hill Electric Tramway.—Permanent way and overhead work completed, and ready for cutting in portion to be undertaken by Railway Commissioners.

Neutral Bay Electric Tramway.—Permanent way materials all delivered, and road well advanced. Alterations to wharf proceeding. Erection of overhead work will be commenced in a few days. Tenders for footbridge called to close on February 19.

Kensington to Rifle Range.—Permanent way materials being delivered, and construction closely following survey, which is being pushed forward.

Newcastle to Adamstown.—Rails and fastenings all delivered. Ballast ready for delivery when platelaying commences. Road being widened.

Newcastle to Waratah.—Survey completed, plans being prepared, all materials ordered.

St. Peters to Cook's River.—Rails and fastenings delivered, ballast and sleeper delivery commenced. Overhead work will start on completion of Neutral Bay work.

Rose Bay to Dover-road Electric Tramway.—Survey practically completed. Proposed straightening of road at Rose Bay being arranged with landowners.

Queen's Wharf to Dawes Point and Miller's Point Electric Tramway.—Plans all prepared; deviation via Argyle Cut under consideration.

Military-road to the Spit Electric Tramway.—Survey progressing satisfactorily; will be completed in a few weeks.

Extension Gladstone Park to Darling-street Wharf, Balmain, Electric Tramway.—Survey will be undertaken shortly and work put in hand when electrical system is extended to Balmain.

WORK OF THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

In accordance with a decision of the Fisheries Commission, Mr. J. H. Want, M.L.C. (one of the commissioners), has had a trammel net constructed similar to nets used for fishing purposes on the coasts of England, but not hitherto used in the colonies. The net is 30 fathoms in length, 8ft. deep, with the inner wall of small mesh and the two outer ones of 1ft. mesh, the total cost being about £3. A first trial of the net, a report states, was made off Cronulla beach in about seven fathoms of water, and was fairly successful, though made in broad daylight and only let down for a short period. Further trials made after dusk were very successful. Within half an hour a catch of a full fisherman's basket was made, consisting of magnificent red carp in abundance, schnapper, teraglin, groper, and bream. The trials, it is considered, prove that the net would be successful all along our coasts, and if adopted by fishermen would materially increase the supply of fish and the fishermen's earnings. The commissioners propose to give fishermen an opportunity of seeing the net at work, and also to supply information as to method of manufacture, cost, &c., as Mr. Want is of opinion that "Our coasts can be most successfully worked with these nets, and fish obtained that could not otherwise be captured." An opinion prevailed in some quarters that the net could not be used in Australian waters on account of the currents and the roughness of the sea, but the successful trials were made subject to both these conditions and the working of the net was not interfered with in any way, although the ground was very broken and the sea consequently very lumpy.

The commissioners have received two brown trout, weighing 4½lb. and 3½lb. each, from Mr. H. Edwards, of Burumra, Bibbenluke, which were caught in the Bibbenluke River, and are now on view at the depot of the Fresh Food and Ice Company, King-street. These fish are the progeny of fry liberated in the river about three or four years ago, and hatched at the Prospect Hatchery from ova received from New Zealand. The Commissioners will leave Sydney to-day for the Snowy River and Upper Murrumbidgee with a view to inspecting these waters in connection with the proposed establishment of trout hatcheries.

The head of a 12½lb. trout has been received by the commissioners from Mr. Heyland, of Cooma, which with other trout received proves that success has attended the efforts of the commissioners in stocking various streams with these fish.

THE TRANSIT COMMISSION.

At a full meeting of members of the Transit Commission, held yesterday, permission was given to E. Webster to extend the route of his omnibuses from Newtown through Annandale to Balmain. Permission was accorded to W. Rowe to run two omnibuses on the route from Prince Alfred Hospital to Gipps-street, Haymarket. Leave was given to T. Stewart to change the route of his Strawberry Hills omnibus from George-street to via Gipps and Pitt streets.

It was reported that a number of omnibuses left their ordinary lines of route and went to the cricket match on Anniversary Day without permission. The commission directed that the drivers and owners be required to attend at the commission's next meeting.

As the time for taking out renewals of licenses expired on January 31, the registrar was instructed to summon indiscriminately unlicensed persons plying for hire.

Some doubt having arisen as to whether the commission has power to control the issue of licenses to public vehicles at Burwood owing to an alteration in the boundary of the metropolitan police district, the commission decided to collect fees as usual, but to return them if, later on, the commission finds it has no powers in the Burwood district.

A letter read from the Railway Commissioners saying it was frequently reported that when the electric trams in George-street were at street corners 'bus drivers drew up at the side of the trams in such a manner as to render it a difficult matter for intending tram passengers to gain access to the trams. In some instances when one 'bus was pulled up in the manner complained of, other 'buses followed so closely as to prevent intending passengers on the trams from passing at the rear of the first vehicle and in front of the leading horse of the next. As there was evidence that this was deliberately arranged, the commission was asked to take steps to prevent its continuance. The Transit Commission, after discussion, decided that, in common with other vehicles, omnibuses had certain rights of the road, but any driver wilfully obstructing passengers from entering a tram should be prosecuted.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society was held yesterday at Tattersall's-chambers, Hunter-street. The president (Mr. John See, M.L.A.) was in the chair, and the attendance was large. The meeting was called principally to decide upon the site and building for the district societies' grand competition of £150 for best collection of district exhibits, each society to have its own exhibition court. The secretary (Mr. Webster) announced that the competition gave every promise of being a highly attractive feature of the show, and that a new building would be necessary for its accommodation. The suggestion was unanimously approved, and a special committee, consisting of Messrs. J. F. Harvey, H. S. Badgery, B. W. Foley, A. Macarthur, J. G. Howard, L. L. Ramsay, and C. C. Lance, was appointed to superintend the erection of the building. The site selected by Mr. Webster for the Government Agricultural Hall, in which the exhibits from all the Government farms will be displayed, was approved and confirmed by the council. The application of the committee appointed to manage a sports programme in aid of the Bushmen's Contingent Fund for the free use of the society's grounds on the 21st instant was granted. Mr. Sydney Smith is chairman of the sports committee. Mr. John See paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. L. Thompson, who had been a member of the council for many years. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to his widow and children. The special committee for the district societies' exhibition court's building met subsequent to the meeting of the council, and agreed upon having a pavilion 100ft. x 50ft. in proximity to the vehicle shed, near the main entrance turnstiles, a very commanding position.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Public Schools' Amateur Athletic Association was held at the Girls' High School last evening, Mr. W. M'Intyre (Deputy Chief Inspector) presiding.

The annual report was presented by the general secretary. A year of extraordinary progress, both athletically and financially, was recorded. Very great interest was manifested in the work by over 1000 members. Among the matters controlled by the association were the holding of a large carnival annually, the supervision of school swimming clubs and district carnivals, the teaching of life-saving to teachers and children, the carrying out of tennis and cricket competitions, and providing a board of appeal and a guide for affiliated associations. Special attention was directed during the year to the scientific development of physical education amongst school children by the preparation of drill squads to take part in the annual sports meetings. The annual sports meeting was very successful, and was attended by over 40,000 people. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year, including £189 7s 1d brought forward, amounted to £765 5s 4d. The principal items of expenditure were—on last year's accounts, £170 19s 11d; on this year's accounts, £495 19s 1d; and balance to carry forward, £98 6s 4d. The profit and loss account showed a credit of £114 6s 4d.

In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman drew attention to the fact that over 10,000 children were engaged in various physical exercises on the day of the annual sports. The system had spread all over the colony, 37 branches being in full working order.

Mr. Nelligan, who seconded the motion, drew attention to the necessity for the establishment of public baths by the various municipal councils.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and arrangements having been made for taking a ballot for the election of officers, the proceedings ended.

LIVER COMPLAINTS. DR. KING'S DANDELION AND QUININE LIVER PILLS, the old-fashioned English remedy, without mercury, remove all Bilious and Stomach Disorders and are still the best medicine.—Advt.

ROBERTS ROYAL COMMISSION.

The investigation into certain charges made against Mr. James Roberts, tramway manager, was continued yesterday by Judge Rogers, sitting as a Royal Commission.

The Hon. W. R. Campbell gave evidence to the effect that it was not his wife who lost a certain parachute which was picked up by a tramway official, and she had never alleged that she had lost the parachute.

Monsignor O'Brien said that some time ago Mr. Roberts, fearing that a certain matter might be brought before Parliament by Mr. Hoyle, who was then an M.L.A., approached him and assured him that the allegation that had been made was baseless, at the same time asking him to see Mr. Hoyle so that the matter should not be made public. The matter was a private one, and Mr. Roberts feared that if it was brought forward it might injure his family.

William Tipping (recalled) said that in accordance with instructions given him by Mr. Roberts he informed Martin that even although the lastnamed got the sack it would be all right.

In cross-examination the witness said he knew that an inquiry was to have been held concerning the raffling of some diamond studs, and he knew that a number of witnesses were examined at that inquiry. Witness, however, did not volunteer to give evidence at such inquiry.

The resumption of the investigation was adjourned for eight days, principally for the purpose of securing the attendance of a witness named Gamgee, the adjournment being sanctioned with the understanding that no fresh charges should be brought against Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Kelynack (representing Mr. Roberts) asked the Commissioner to relieve him of the necessity of calling evidence in rebuttal of four of the charges which he specified, on the ground that there was nothing for his client to answer; but the Commissioner said that he could not comply with that request, which practically amounted to one for a nonsuit.

CHURCH NEWS.

NATIONAL PROGRESS.

Archdeacon Gunther, preaching at Parramatta on Sunday, discussed the question of the true greatness of nations, and the things that make for real progress. England, Scotland, Germany, Denmark, and America were given as examples of progressive nations. Civilisation based on Divine teachings and a due recognition of God was essentially necessary. England—the mother of many nations—had done much to promote this. It was very significant how she had excited the animosity of the ultramontane press on the continent, though the war in South Africa was acknowledged to be just and righteous. The preacher made sympathetic reference to Professor Ruskin and his work for humanity.

WAVERLEY PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes to scholars attending the Waverley Presbyterian Sunday School took place at the lecture-hall on Monday evening, at which there was a very large attendance of scholars, with their parents and friends. Mr. John Clubb, J.P. (superintendent), presided and gave a brief address, in which he referred to the fact of a larger number of awards being gained by the scholars than in any previous year. Messrs. D. Houston and J. Watson delivered brief addresses of a congratulatory nature, after which prizes to the number of 55, were handed to the successful scholars by the chairman. During the evening songs were creditably rendered by the Misses Henderson and Smyth and Mr. W. H. Thorne. Miss Henderson acted as pianist.

WOOLLAHRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On Sunday evening at the close of the regular service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Blair, a special meeting of the elders, managers, and members of the committee was held for the purpose of expressing their personal thanks to the Rev. J. F. Blair, for his valuable services rendered to the church and congregation during the past three months that he has been supplying the pulpit for the minister (Rev. John Walker). Mr. Steel (session clerk), Mr. Walter Geikie (board of management), and Mr. J. T. Walker (for the congregation), briefly referred to the value and worth of the services rendered by Mr. Blair, and the pleasure and profit that had been derived from his ministrations. Each speaker concluded in wishing Mr. Blair success in his future labours with the church at Balmain, to which he had accepted a hearty call. The Rev. J. F. Blair, in reply, thanked the various speakers for the kind things that had been said of him and his labours amongst them, and also referred to the work that was being carried on at the Woollahra church.

ABORIGINES' MISSION.

On Friday last the committee of the New South Wales Aborigines' Mission paid an official visit to the aborigines' station at Plumpton, near Rooty Hill. After an early lunch they proceeded to take possession of a piece of ground that Mr. William Lock has leased to them at a nominal rental for the purpose of building a mission church for the settlement. The documents, which had been drawn up by Mr. Robert Crawford, of Rooty Hill, free of charge, were signed by Mr. Lock and by Messrs. R. Iles, G. E. Bodley, and J. Morton, who will act as trustees for the mission. The ground was afterwards pegged out. It consists of half an acre, and is well situated. The remains of a structure standing on it were given to the mission by Mr. Lock. This is to be renovated at once, and will be utilised as a church until a more suitable building can be erected. A gospel service was conducted during the afternoon by the president of the mission (Mr. G. E. Bodley), when addresses were delivered by Messrs. Iles, Cooper, Morton, and Miss Dixon (La Perouse missionary).

SYDNEY CITY MISSION.

The Woolloomooloo branch held a jumble sale last Thursday in the Palmer-street Hall. There was a good attendance. Garments, &c., were distributed by the missionaries, Miss Craven and Mr. F. Freeland. Mr. F. Freeland acted as lanternist. An entertainment was given at St. George's School Hall, Glenmore-road, on Tuesday night, and Rev. E. Owen gave the connective readings.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday 12 members of the Waterloo branch, with the secretary, Miss Daniels, were invited by Mr. Henry W. M'Kern to his residence, Elvstan, Arncliffe, and hospitably entertained. The graphophone and photographic camera which had been provided added to the amusement and interest. Before the leave-taking at 9 p.m. the guests assembled in the music-hall for a short service, and were addressed by Mr. Walters.

The Women's Rest and Luncheon Room in the Victoria Markets, recently taken over by the Association, has received steady patronage during the week.

The quarterly meeting of the Factory Helpers' Union was held at the rooms, 49 Phillip-street, last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. E. Cocks, hon. sec., presiding. A satisfactory account from many of the workrooms was given. The general secretary gave a short address.

LEICHHARDT P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

The annual picnic and excursion amongst the scholars attending the Sunday school in connection with the Leichhardt Primitive Methodist Church was held on Friday (Anniversary Day) at Cremorne. The Annandale Co-operative Ferry Company's new steamer conveyed the excursionists to the picnic grounds, where all kinds of games and sports were indulged in under the supervision of a large committee and the teachers. A very pleasant day's outing resulted.

Canon Dalton, of Ballina, has obtained 12 months' leave of absence in order to visit England. On Wednesday evening he was presented by his parishioners with an address and a purse of sovereigns.

The resignation of Canon Sowter, of All Saints, Moree (in consequence of ill-health) is announced. He purposes visiting Europe.

In connection with the Sunday Schools' Examination Advent, 1899, for the diocese of Grafton and Armidale, the list of passes shows that in the senior division, class I., Emma Croaker, of the New England Girls' School, Armidale, won the gold medal. There were also four others who gained the distinction of having their names inserted in class I. in the pass list. Class II., 10 were successful, and six in class III. In the intermediate division the numbers were—Class I., none; class II., 10; class III., 13. Junior division: Class I., 13; class II., 47. The examiners were—Senior division, Rev. A. H. Coombes, M.A.; intermediate division, Rev. A. E. J. Ross, M.A.; junior division, Canon Pritchard, M.A., B.D.

By the courtesy of Captain Wyril, a portion of the native crew of the ship John Williams paid a visit to Ingleburn and Campbelltown on Saturday and Sunday last. A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Campbelltown, on Sunday, after which Mr. W. Keiler, one of the officers of the ship, gave an interesting account of the nature of the L.M.S. work and described the uses of a number of native weapons, dresses, &c. Mr. John Kidd, M.L.A., presided. The natives sang a number of hymns in the Rarotongan tongue. The men returned to their ship on Monday delighted with their trip to the country.

An organ recital and sacred concert were given in the Balmain Congregational Church on Tuesday evening by the members of the Congregational and Presbyterian Church choirs and Mr. Walter J. Durie (organist), under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Fairweather, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience, presided over by the pastor, Rev. Henry Gainford. A musical programme was then rendered in an artistic manner, and received with applause.

The "Bushman's" paper, "The Sydney Mail," devotes five pages of illustrations and letterpress to him this week.—Advt.

FOR GOLF RASH, HEAT RASH, or any irritation produced by athletics or exposure, and for sunburn, tan, bites, and stings of insects, inflammations, itching, irritation, and chafing, undue or offensive perspiration, and many other sanative uses, nothing so cooling, purifying, and refreshing as a bath with CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as the purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery, to be followed in the severer forms by gentle anointings with CUTICURA, the great skin cure and purest of emollients.—Advt.

"LANOLINE" TOILET PREPARATIONS.—The Dartring Trade Mark appears on all labels of these genuine products. TOILET "LANOLINE" (in collapsible tubes) makes rough skins smooth. "LANOLINE" TOILET SOAP cleanses and keeps the skin supple. Of all chemists and dealers. Wholesale—67 Holborn Viaduct, London.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

A CONSENT MATTER.

Markell v. Crago.

Mr. Langer Owen and Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. John Williamson and Sons, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Mr. H. L. Tress, for the defendant. Mr. Manning stated that the parties had consented that the motion for an injunction to restrain defendant from using the plaintiff's registered trade mark "Germea" in the sale of a product not manufactured by the plaintiff should be turned into a decree in the terms of the first and second prayers of the statement of claim. Mr. Davies said it was also agreed that defendant should be allowed to explain how he came to infringe the plaintiff's trade mark. It was only a technical infringement, but defendant, as an honourable man, desired to say that it occurred entirely through a mistake of a clerk.

His Honor said he took the explanation as sufficient, and it was not necessary to go into any affidavits.

MOTION FOR AN ATTACHMENT.

George v. Blow.

The Attorney-General (Mr. Wise, Q.C.) and Mr. Knox, instructed by Mr. G. E. H. Sanders, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Want, Q.C., and Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, for the defendant. This was an application on behalf of Eden George, photographer, to make absolute a rule nisi granted on the 16th instant, by which respondent, Mark Blow, also a photographer, had been called upon to show cause why he should not be committed to Darlinghurst Gaol for disobedience of an order of the Court of July 28, last year, restraining him from circulating or causing to be circulated any statement to the effect that the "Rococo" process was his process, and that it was known to or was available only to him, or any statement to the like or similar effect; and from interfering with the publication or circulation by the plaintiff of any statement to the effect that he was prepared to produce photographs by the "Rococo" or some similar process. In support of the application a lengthy affidavit by Eden George was read, in which he stated that since the order of July 28 the defendant had published advertisements in which he used the words "Our Rococo portraits," which he contended was an infringement of the order. He also charged that defendant infringed the order on his receipts, and that he used his influence in order to prevent plaintiff from obtaining the publication of advertisements stating that he was prepared to produce "Rococo" portraits. The defendant, in his affidavits in reply, denied that he had used any influence whatever to prevent the publication of the plaintiff's advertisements, and that since July 28 he had not published words to the effect that the "Rococo" portraits could only be obtained at his studio. He had only used the words "our Rococo portraits," which he submitted was not an infringement of the order of the Court, and he never had any intention to treat any judgment of the Court with contempt or to ignore any agreement he had signed.

After hearing argument,

His Honor said that after giving the case very careful consideration he had come to the conclusion that the defendant by his advertisements, and by the endorsements of his receipts, had overstepped the line, and had been guilty of disobedience of the order of July 28. It seemed to him that in construing the advertisement, and seeing what meaning it would convey, it was necessary to consider the class of people to whom it was addressed. It was, of course, addressed to the general public, who would probably read these things without very careful scrutiny, and one could see how any member of the public, possessing ordinary intelligence and nothing more, would regard the advertisement. There were affidavits from certain members of the public stating that they had been deceived; but that would not be enough unless the Court could see that there was something from which ordinary members of the public might not unreasonably draw a false inference, namely, that the Rococo process was in some way peculiar to the defendant. The words in the advertisement would lead the unwary reader to conclude that this process was in some way peculiar to the defendant, and that if photographs were required to be produced by that process the defendant's studio was the only place where they could be properly produced. He was of opinion that the words were sufficient to convey the impression that the photographs were produced by a process which was only properly and fully put into operation at the studio of the defendant. As to the endorsements on the receipts, he also thought that the inference might fairly be drawn from the words used that only the defendant used the Rococo process. That being so, he must hold that contempt had been committed by the words used in the advertisement, and also in the endorsement on the receipts. Another charge made against the defendant was that he interfered with the publication of the plaintiff's advertisement, but he was of opinion that the charge had not been proved with the amount of certainty which would enable him to hold defendant's conduct to be contempt. He was asked to send Mr. Blow to gaol for the contempt of which he had been guilty; but he did not think he ought to go that length. Several injunctions had been granted, which had been complied with by the defendant, and the particular things which he held to be obnoxious had apparently been submitted by Mr. Blow to his legal advisers, who were of opinion that they were not a breach of the injunction of the Court, and though of course the latter fact did not affect the judgment of the Court where contempt had been committed, he could not overlook it in meting out punishment to the defendant. He ordered the defendant to pay the costs of this motion as between solicitor and client, and that, he thought, would do justice to the case. The Taxing Master would look into the affidavits and disallow anything which, in his opinion, had not been properly introduced.

PROBATE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Probate was granted in the estate of Jane Kiss to one of the executors of the will, with liberty to the second executor to come in and prove. Letters of Administration were granted in the estates of Lilly Ireleen Vincer and Lilly Ellen Vincer to the father of the deceased.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decrees nisi in the following suits, and declared the marriages dissolved:—Betsy M'Donald v. Thomas Harris M'Donald, and William Stephen v. Sarah Jane Stephen.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. F. H. Salusbury, Acting Registrar.)

APPLICATIONS FOR SEQUESTRATIONS.

William Thomson v. Robert Charles Heffernan. Mr. Barker (of Messrs. Russell Jones and Barker) appeared for the petitioning creditor. Respondent did not appear. This was a motion for an order sequestrating the respondent's estate. The order asked for was made subject to an affidavit being filed that the debt was still due to petitioner by the respondent. Mr. L. T. Lloyd was appointed official assignee.

William Satchell Cook v. L. Leman. On the motion of Mr. L. Levy, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, an order of sequestration was made against respondent. Mr. N. F. Giblin was appointed official assignee.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Edwin Fillery, of the Yowie mail change, Cobar to Wilcannia road, coach-driver. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Eliza Annie Proud, of Restarwel, Grosvenor-crescent, Summer Hill, widow. Mr. N. F. Giblin official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, February 1.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Divorce.—Rossich v. Rossich, 2.30; Fletcher v. Fletcher, 2.30.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, February 1.

(Before his Honor Judge Gibson, at 10 a.m.)

All undefended actions, and afterwards the following defended actions:—O'Neill v. Roberts, Williams v. Pemberton, Godfrey v. Fluke, Pesper and another v. Broughton, same v. Nicoll, Phillip v. Healey, Richardson v. Barkell, Love v. Sutor, Municipal District of Rockdale v. Rogers, Scott v. Rasmussen, Israel v. Pooley, Morgan v. Pellegrini, Luby v. Pickering, Kane v. Hinds.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday, February 1.

Bartolo Bonomini and Auguste Ferrand, horse-stealing, &c.; Henry Lee, robbery; Patrick Smith, stealing from the person; Christopher Edwards and Catherine Mary Kerrigan, stealing from the person; Richard Shaw, robbery; Joseph Bevitzie, stealing from the person; Charles Lawsam, stealing from the person.

Notice.—Only the witnesses in the above cases need be in attendance at the court to-day.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Stock passings to date:—85 mixed cattle, Shanon Vale to Gunning, Bank N.S.W. owners; 14 horses, Glen Innes to Grafton, T. F. Richardson; 1650 fat wethers, King's Plain to Auburn, Sydney Meat Preserving Company; 2237 ewes, Wallal (Queensland) to Walcha, Charles Bunn; 1200 ewes and wethers, Beaconsfield (Queensland), to Paradise Creek, G. M'Lean; 350 store bullocks, Chinchilla to The Grove, Whitfield and Borthwick; 351 store bullocks, Pike's Creek to Gunnedah, Reeves in charge; 37 horses, Glenelg to Tamworth, Percival Brothers; 46 mixed cattle, Ballandean to Tenterfield, William Crisp; 39 store bullocks, Duntulm to Beaufort, J. Rogerson; 35 ditto, Fladbury to Beaufort, John Rogerson; 149 mixed cattle, Whetstone (Queensland) to Billirimbi, A. Stewart; 30 fat bullocks, Tenterfield to Flemington, Walker trustees; 12 steers, Wallangra to Clifton, A. Austin.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Wednesday.

Trucked to Flemington this afternoon: 110 fat sheep, from J. T. Carey, of Carisford, Bowenfels.

THE DRINK.—PAR EXCELLENCE. Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

TO DARKEN GREY HAIR. Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer is the quickest, best, safest, and cheapest. Lockyer's keeps off ravages of time, causes Hair to grow. Large Cheap Bottles, made in England.—Advt.

The Forbes Bush Contingent is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Ashfield.—For aldermen—East Ward: A. L. Lloyd. North Ward: J. G. Nixon. South Ward: W. R. Beaver and A. W. Miller. Auditors: J. Molesworth and A. H. Brown.

Balmain.—Aldermen South Ward, M. H. Cohen (retiring) and E. Shelton; South-east Ward, C. Taylor (retiring) unopposed; North Ward, W. Wright Williams (retiring); North-east Ward, J. J. Wheeler (retiring). Auditors: E. B. Shaw and R. Stewart.

Broken Hill.—Aldermen—Wills Ward: Richard Henry Kimber, commission agent; Andrew Stenhouse, timber merchant; John Gubbins, fruiterer; Richard Hawkins, miner; Robert Frederick Skues, house painter. Stuart Ward: Edward Beskeen, insurance agent, retiring candidate, Arthur Edwin Hart, saddler. Burke Ward: Thomas Kemp, miner; Francis Richard Harvey, carter. King Ward: George Andrew Crawford, chlorodiser; Patrick Devitt, miner. Auditors (2): G. A. Mills, agent; Thomas Hall, agent; Charles Counsell.

Burwood.—Aldermen—North Ward: J. Ahearn. South Ward: A. G. Ralston, F. Williams. East Ward: W. G. Crane. Auditors: Messrs. J. B. Youdale, P. A. Broughton, and T. Rutherford.

Bankstown.—Aldermen: N. Goyew, jun., A. Macauley, R. Mitchell, and J. Mortimer. Auditors: F. Liebenteith and D. Wheeler.

Bingara.—Aldermen A. W. Bull and E. C. J. Wearne have been re-elected without opposition. The auditors, Messrs. William Lurflen and J. F. Doyle were also re-elected. Alderman John Fay resigned at the last council meeting, and another election will take place next month to fill the vacancy. The local option vote would have been taken had there been an election.

Canterbury.—Aldermen — North Ward: J. L. Brown, J. Andrews W. Sutherland. East Ward: J. M'Bean. West Ward: J. Quigg, J. Nevill. Auditors: J. Draper, W. G. Smith, F. A. Nicholas, F. S. Gunter.

Concord.—A. T. Gale and H. S. Thompson. Auditors: J. C. Townsend and F. C. Jordan.

Dubbo.—Aldermen: James Hearne, Booth Ward; E. H. Uley, Muller Ward; John Robert Tighe, Taylor Ward (unopposed). Auditors: J. E. Serisier, James Hearne, jun. (unopposed).

Enfield.—Aldermen—West Ward: J. Hitchell. West Ward: J. Mackay, C. Pettitt. Central Ward: H. C. Pilcher, J. T. Lawler. For auditors: T. Rutherford and J. Davidson, B.A.

Five Dock.—Aldermen—West Ward: H. Passmore. North Ward: Captain Pierce. East Ward: W. J. Myler. No nominations for auditors.

Gulgong.—J. R. Fletcher, C. A. Russell, F. L. Egan, and A. Croft.

Gosford.—Aldermen: James Kibble and Manasseh Ward have been nominated for the East and West Wards respectively. William M'Intyre and William Wheeler have been nominated as auditors.

Gunnedah.—Aldermen O'Neill, Pritchard, and Border retire from the municipal council by rotation; but have been re-nominated for re-election. Five other candidates have also been nominated, namely, E. Clemesha, J. Kirkpatrick, T. Ryan, C. Leadsom, and G. Fascett.

Gerringong.—Aldermen: John B. Taylor, James Nelson, and Dawson Blow (retiring). Auditors: Messrs. Robert Miller and James Walker.

Jamberoo.—Aldermen: Thomas Fredericks, North Ward; George Somerville, South Ward; Ebenezer Cole, Central Ward (retiring). Auditors: Messrs. John Nelson and Hugh Colley.

Kempsey.—W. T. Dangar, J. R. Nance, W. Weeks, J. Crotty, F. Annesly.

Kiama.—Aldermen: Thomas Love, Walter Cornford, and Cornelius Leggatt (retiring), and William Carson. For auditors: Messrs. C. B. Minnett and C. M. Stevenson.

Leichhardt.—Mr. A. B. Blackmore addressed the ratepayers of North Ward on Monday. Mr. M. Reid presided. The candidate advocated the removal of the abattoirs to Homebush, in order to do away with the cattle nuisance, and dealt at length with the financial affairs of the borough.

Lane Cove.—Aldermen (three to be elected): J. Roberts, J. St. V. Welch, J. Monro, Messrs. George Fray, Herbert O. Weynton, and Richard V. Brown. Auditors: Herbert Buck and W. M. C. Audsley.

Liverpool.—Aldermen—J. Perry, West Ward; T. F. Murray, North Ward; Alderman Chapman, South Ward. As auditors: Messrs. A. Mullett and W. Long.

Marrickville.—Ex-alderman George Brewer, who is a candidate for the East Ward, Marrickville, delivered an address to a large crowd from the balcony of the Royal Exchange Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr. George Leslie, a former colleague of the candidate, occupied the chair. The candidate expressed his views on municipal matters at length, and was accorded a vote of confidence on the motion of Mr. D. Munro, seconded by Mr. T. Smith. Mr. J. H. Brodie delivered an address to a large crowd from the balcony of the Hotel Victoria on Saturday evening. Mr. Brodie said it had only come to his knowledge a few days before that Alderman Dr. Perkins, their representative for the West Ward, who left with the first contingent for South Africa, could not be legally re-elected during his absence; and so he (the speaker) had decided to come forward, not that he had the slightest desire for a seat in the council, but merely to keep the seat of an absent-minded beggar, who had been one of the first to volunteer on behalf of the Empire. (Applause.) At the conclusion of the address cheers were given for the speaker and for Dr. Perkins, and a section of the large crowd which had gathered joined in singing "Soldiers of the Queen."

Milton: Milton Ward: C. J. Payne. Narrallen: Murray. Ulladulla: Riley.

Molong.—Andrew Parker, Joshua Tilbrook, and George Gaibett have been elected aldermen (unopposed), and John Neilson and S. F. H. Lane auditors.

Marsfield.—Aldermen: East Ward, E. Gallagher and J. Woodford; West Ward, H. Sparrow (unopposed); extraordinary vacancy in West Ward caused by Mr. Gillham's resignation, J. A. Johnson and C. Whittaker. Auditors: C. Bennett and J. Inglis (unopposed).

Nowra.—The retiring aldermen, viz., C. Graham (North Ward), H. K. King (Central Ward), and Z. G. Rice (South Ward) have been nominated, and Humphery Henry is the nominee for the extraordinary vacancy in South Ward, caused by the resignation of Alderman Oke. There will consequently be no contests.

Nyngan.—Aldermen: James Field Cecil, A. Paynter, T. J. Cahill, Dr. Lewis Hickey, and D. Sanderson.

Narrabri.—North Ward: E. O. Morath. South: G. Williams, H. B. Mumford, W. M'Neill. Dangar: T. Orrett, T. D. Barry.

Petersham.—Aldermen—South Kingston Ward: L. C. Russell-Jones. Lewisham Ward: H. Davies. Annandale Ward: G. P. Baines. Sydenham Ward: W. J. Louden. For auditors: G. B. Gough and S. Gelding.

Randwick.—Aldermen—West Ward: Isaac B. Hodgson. Coogee Ward: J. W. Bundock. Middle Ward: Francis Hansan. South Ward: James O'Donnell, S. R. Kennedy, T. W. Taylor, and A. West. Auditors (2): R. W. Jones and Hugh Stewart (retiring), John Russell, B. Page, and P. Sumner.

Ryde.—All the retiring aldermen and auditors are unopposed. Aldermen: East Ward, D. M. Anderson; Central Ward, E. Worthington; West Ward, J. Redshaw. Auditors: H. Rooke Jones and E. Parsonage. For the extraordinary vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Terry, Mr. H. St. John Tucker is the only candidate.

Scone.—Messrs. Hopper and Shaw.

Strathfield.—Aldermen—Strathfield Ward: H. C. Kent. Homebush Ward: J. W. Bonitbee. Flemington Ward: G. Reid. Auditors: H. B. Allard and A. A. Harwood.

Temora.—For aldermen: Peter Meagher, Alfred Andrew, James Walsh, W. M. Lucas, F. Hickey, James Gazzard. For auditors: W. Nixon, Maxwell, A. Finlay.

Waverley.—On Monday evening, at Bondi, Mr. Joseph Pynsent addressed the ratepayers of Bondi Ward as a candidate for the forthcoming elections. Mr. D. Hogan presided over a fairly representative attendance. Mr. Pynsent met with a good reception. At the close of the address the candidate was accorded a vote of confidence, on the motion of Mr. W. Martin, seconded by Mr. J. Bagot.

Woollahra.—Alderman D. Davis, M.L.A. (Mayor of Woollahra), proposes leaving Sydney for the Paris Exhibition at an early date, in consequence of which he has determined not to seek re-election as alderman for the Borough of Woollahra at the forthcoming elections. Although Alderman Davis's name was duly nominated on Tuesday, he has since withdrawn the same. Mr. B. W. Mansell, of Double Bay, is the only candidate nominated to fill the vacancy for Double Bay Ward.

Windsor.—Aldermen: North Ward, J. J. Pain; Central Ward, J. T. Gosper; South Ward, T. Primrose. Auditors: T. Lobb and R. B. Walker.

Wagga.—Central Ward: P. Moran, George Everett, C. F. Warren, J. E. Gormly. South Ward: J. A. Bellair, J. T. Wood. East Ward: G. Everett, G. C. Arnott. North Ward: J. Hayes, L. A. Fosbery. Auditors: J. M'Arthur, A. E. Ferriman.

CAVALRY FOR SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Being an ex-cavalryman of some little experience (although business now ties me to New South Wales), and expecting there would be a good many vacancies in both the Australian Horse and New South Wales Lancers, I found upon inquiry that the Australian Horse had not even a half-squadron in or near Sydney, and that the only cavalry in the queen city of New South Wales is one half-squadron of the New South Wales Lancers (50 men), in which there are even now only a few vacancies, whilst the applications for enrolment therein are very numerous. Now that it has been proved that cavalry are so necessary, and play such an important part in sparsely-populated and scattered countries in times of war, and whilst the military spirit is in the ascendant, it would be a fitting time to increase the strength of our cavalry forces in the city to a little above one half-squadron. What I would suggest would be to form a half-squadron of the Australian Horse, and I know a number myself who would join, amongst whom are several old cavalrymen.

I understand that the New South Wales Lancers are partially paid, and the Australian Horse receive no allowances or pay, and perhaps for this reason the establishment of Australian Horse in Sydney would find more favour with the Government than adding to the strength of the Lancers, and competition would do good. I am, &c.,

January 28. AN EX-CAVALRYMAN.

Portraits of the Ladies' Committee of the early-closing movement are in this week's "Mail."—Advt

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.

A WIN FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

The final match of the Sheffield series entered upon its closing stage at noon yesterday, and the result was a win for New South Wales by 111 runs. When play closed on Tuesday the game stood, New South Wales 271 and 412, Victoria 309 and four for 98. The Victorians continued their innings, and the last wicket fell for 263. The attendance was very small. The takings for the match were £1100 approximately. Stuckey and Warne, the over-night not outs, with 34 and 11 respectively, faced the bowling of Noble and M'Beath, the former from the northern end. Stuckey at once got to work, notching a couple of fours, one off a no-ball at M'Beath's expense, but with 9 added to the adjourned total Warne was clean bowled by Noble with a full toss right on to the leg stump. The batsman endeavoured to effect a hard square-leg hit, but the ball curling slightly in the air it just touched the bat and cannoned into the wicket. Notwithstanding the swerve, it was not a stroke upon which the batsman could be complimented. M'Michael came, and saw Noble smash through Stuckey's defence with a ball that came a little from leg. Stuckey had played a very fine innings indeed, and was dismissed just when he was looking dangerous. He was in for 75 minutes for 53. To him the Victorians looked to drag the match out of the fire, and now that he was gone their hopes of winning were at a low ebb. The sixth wicket fell at 128, and Noble had brought about every dismissal. M'Alister and M'Michael were now together, and both started confidently. A double change was made in the bowling at 158, Howell taking Noble's place, and Hopkins relieving M'Beath at the other end. These alterations in the attack served for a time only to increase the rate of rungetting, the strokes being sound and well-judged, but at 158 the partnership having yielded 40, M'Alister returned one to Hopkins, and retired for a prettily played 20. Immediately prior to the separation an appeal for stumping was made by Kelly against M'Michael, the bowler being Howell, but the reply was in the negative. The ball rebounded off the wicketkeeper's pads on to the stumps and Kelly thought that M'Michael was out of his ground. Armstrong came next. M'Michael at 181 was bowled by Hopkins with a beautiful ball which just trimmed the wicket of the leg bail. His contribution was 33, for which he showed good batting, though twice he should have been secured by Kelly off M'Beath. The luncheon adjournment then took place.

On resuming Armstrong had Ross for a companion, the bowling being in the hands of Hopkins and Noble. Presently the 200 appeared, the additional runs being due mainly to Armstrong, who was playing a solid game, and with Ross brought 217 on the board, at which the former hit one from Hopkins to Pye, a straight hit, but the chance was dropped. Armstrong was then 25. Ross became 20 by means of a leg stroke off Noble, but with the next ball but one the Victorian wicket-keeper had a narrow shave, he just snicking the ball clear of the off stump. The spirited opposition offered by the visitors aroused some enthusiasm amongst the limited spectators. At 231 M'Beath was deputed to see what he could do, Noble retiring. The partnership had now put on 50. M'Beath, however, failed to stop the runs mounting up, he being hit in his first over for 7. Noble had a turn at the southern end, vice Hopkins. Still the runs came, and the spectators could be seen uneasily shifting in their seats, as they recognised the possibility of Ross and Armstrong dragging the match out of the fire. They were playing a grand uphill game. However, Pye, who had not in this innings been previously tried, was called on at 252, and it was at once apparent that his deliveries were not appreciated by Armstrong, and presently the slow bowler got one past and shifted the leg stump amidst applause. Armstrong was well cheered on returning to the pavilion. He had played a sterling game at a pinch for 45. The only mistake that could be urged against him was his chance to Pye, which should have been held. He was in for an hour and a half. Saunders was the last man, and the match should have at once concluded, for Duff was given a high chance by Ross close to the cycle track. The North Sydney man got one hand on the ball, and knocked it upwards, but he failed to secure it on the return. It, however, made no difference, as Saunders was bowled by Trumper. The innings closed for 263, and thus New South Wales won by 111 runs. Noble bowled in his best form, and took six wickets for 91. M'Beath also kept well on the spot, although he did not get a wicket; he, however, had a couple of chances missed off him. Pye, Hopkins, and Trumper divided the remainder of the wickets. The following are the complete scores and bowling analyses:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

F. Iredale, b Saunders	18
V. Trumper, b Saunders	31
M. A. Noble, c M'Alister, b Trumble	13
H. Donnan, c Saunders, b Trumble	13
S. E. Gregory, b Armstrong	66
A. J. Hopkins, b Saunders	4
J. J. Kelly, run out	1
R. A. Duff, c Saunders, b Armstrong	75
L. W. Pye, run out	0
W. Howell, not out	31
A. M'Beath, run out	10
Byes 6, leg-byes 2, wide 1	9
Total	271

Fall of Wickets.—1-35, 2-58, 3-64, 4-58, 5-105, 6-106, 7-219, 8-219, 9-242, 10-271.

Bowling Analysis.—Trumble, 35.5 overs, 11 maidens, 85 runs, 2 wickets, 1 no-ball, 1 wide; Saunders, 25 overs, 6 maidens, 85 runs, 3 wickets; Warne, 4 overs, 0 maidens, 30 runs, 0 wicket; Laver, 5 overs, 1 maiden, 27 runs, 0 wicket; Worrall, 4 overs, 0 maiden, 11 runs, 0 wicket; Armstrong, 9 overs, 1 maiden, 24 runs, 2 wickets.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

T. Warne, b Noble	9
J. Worrall, c Kelly, b M'Beath	4
S. M'Michael, b M'Beath	1
P. M'Alister, c Hopkins, b M'Beath	4
H. Trumble, b Trumper	87
H. Graham, b M'Beath	41
F. Laver, c Hopkins, b Noble	60
H. Stuckey, c Kelly, b M'Beath	55
W. Armstrong, c and b Noble	15
C. H. Ross, not out	14
J. Saunders, b M'Beath	0
Byes 4, leg-byes 6, wides 1, no-balls 2	13
Total	309

Fall of Wickets.—1-4, 2-10, 3-14, 4-33, 5-146, 6-168, 7-268, 8-288, 9-306, 10-309.

Bowling Analysis.—M'Beath, 41 overs, 15 maidens, 94 runs, 6 wickets; Noble, 32 overs, 11 maidens, 68 runs, 3 wickets, 1 wide, 2 no-balls; Howell, 17 overs, 5 maidens, 37 runs, no wickets; Pye, 7 overs, 1 maiden, 25 runs, 0 wickets; Trumper, 17 overs, 2 maidens, 49 runs, 1 wicket; Hopkins, 4 overs, 0 maidens, 23 runs, 0 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

L. W. Pye, c Trumble, b Saunders	0
J. J. Kelly, b Trumble	12
H. Donnan, c Graham, b Saunders	18
V. Trumper, b Trumble	41
M. A. Noble, st Ross, b Warne	155
F. A. Iredale, c Worrall, b Trumble	54
S. E. Gregory, b Laver	14
R. A. Duff, b Laver	70
A. J. Hopkins, b Warne	7
W. P. Howell, c Stuckey, b Trumble	22
A. M'Beath, not out	0
Byes 4, leg-byes 4, wides 2, no-balls 5	15
Total	412

Fall of Wickets.—1-0, 2-27, 3-38, 4-86, 5-197, 6-230, 7-350, 8-338, 9-408, 10-412.

Bowling Analysis.—Saunders, 57 overs, 16 maidens, 135 runs, 2 wickets; Trumble, 60 overs, 23 maidens, 112 runs, 4 wickets, 2 no-balls, 2 wides; Laver, 24 overs, 8 maidens, 53 runs, 2 wickets; Armstrong, 20 overs, 6 maidens, 52 runs, 0 wicket, 2 no-balls; Warne, 19 overs, 7 maidens, 45 runs, 2 wickets, 1 no-ball.

VICTORIA.—Second Innings.

J. Worrall, b Noble	8
H. Trumble, c M'Beath, b Noble	15
H. Graham, c and b Noble	23
H. Stuckey, b Noble	53
F. Laver, c Kelly, b Noble	8
T. Warne, b Noble	11
S. M'Michael, b Hopkins	33
P. M'Alister, c and b Hopkins	20
C. H. Ross, not out	39
W. Armstrong, b Pye	45
J. Saunders, b Trumper	2
Sundries	9
Total	264

Fall of Wickets.—1-10, 2-35, 3-48, 4-62, 5-107, 6-128, 7-158, 8-181, 9-259, 10-263.

Bowling Analysis.—Noble, 39 overs, 9 maidens, 91 runs, 6 wickets, 2 no-balls; M'Beath, 31 overs, 13 maidens, 70 runs, 0 wicket, 1 no-ball; Howell, 10 overs, 7 maidens, 13 runs, 0 wicket; Trumper, 8.5 overs, 3 maidens, 26 runs, 1 wicket; Hopkins, 13 overs, 1 maiden, 48 runs, 2 wickets; Pye, 5 overs, 1 maiden, 6 runs, 1 wicket.

AFTER THE MATCH.

In the pavilion after the match it was admitted without exception that New South Wales had won the final contest for the Sheffield Shield on the merits of the game. One of the prominent players on the Victorian side remarked that in a large measure the result was due to the extraordinary effort of Noble. He had played the game of his life. To defend his wicket against all attack from a quarter-past 1 on Monday until 28 minutes to 3 on Tuesday without losing sight of the fact that he was playing merely for his colony, and then to close that day with four wickets for 44 on a good wicket, was a performance seldom, if ever, equalled. Asked if he thought the wicket on the fifth day had anything to do with the defeat of his side he replied, "It was not the wicket that beat us; I never wish to play on a better one, for it was as good at the finish as at the start. It was the hardest-fought game I have ever witnessed, and New South Wales deserves the victory."

Another member of the visiting team, while frankly admitting that the better side had won, expressed the opinion that the loss of four wickets for 33 at the close of the first day had a great deal to do with the result.

The players of both teams, together with Major Wardill and the visitors from South Australia who are over for the benefit match, subsequently assembled in the pavilion.

Mr. S. E. Gregory (captain of the New South Wales Eleven) in a few words proposed the toast of the Victorian team, coupled with the name of Mr. Trumble. It had been a pleasant match. The toast was enthusiastically received.

Mr. H. Trumble, in responding, congratulated New South Wales on having won the match and becoming thereby the holder of the Sheffield Shield. He was satisfied that the better side had won. For the sake of Australian cricket it was gratifying to him to note the success met with by two colts, Messrs. Duff in the batting, and M'Beath in the bowling. It is from such men that future Australian Elevens will be drawn.

Mr. J. T. Lipscombe, the manager of the Victorian team, submitted the toast of "The New South Wales Eleven," coupled with the name of Mr. S. E. Gregory. In the course of his remarks he thanked the New South Wales Cricket Association and the trustees of the ground for the many acts of hospitality which had made their trip particularly enjoyable. He also referred to the splendid spirit in which the match had been played.

Mr. Gregory acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the home team.

THE BENEFIT MATCH.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v. REST OF AUSTRALIA.

The five South Australians to take part in the Patriotic Benefit Match, which will commence to-morrow, arrived by yesterday's express, and were present at the Sydney Cricket Ground by luncheon. They are—J. Darling, C. Hill, and E. Jones for the Australian Eleven, and F. Jarvis and J. C. Reedman, candidates for the eleven to represent the Rest of Australia. It was thought that Hack was coming over, but it appears that at the last moment he could not manage it. Eady and Windsor, the Tasmanians, are expected to reach Sydney to-day. The team to represent the Australian Eleven will be chosen this morning. There is considerable speculation as to the final choice. The match is to be commenced on the Sydney Cricket Ground to-morrow, and like all first-class matches in Australia it will be played to a finish. The proceeds will be divided between the Australian Bushmen's Contingent and the New South Wales Patriotic Funds, and judging by the amount of interest being taken in it already it should be a great help to the fund. The ground authorities are paying all the expenses in connection with the match, which is equal to a substantial donation, so that absolutely the whole of the takings will be handed over to the funds. The New South Wales Cricket Association had intended contributing £50 towards defraying some of the expenses, but as that is not necessary it is probable that the amount will go to supplement the takings. As for the cricket the public will be afforded an opportunity of witnessing the Eleven that did such fine work against the pick of England trying its strength against a combined team chosen from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania.

POLICE COURTS.

Assaulting a Constable.—At the Balmain Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Albert M'Lelland, 24, butcher, was fined 20s, or seven days' gaol, for assaulting Senior-constable William Duncan.

Riotous Behaviour.—At the Balmain Police Court yesterday Alfred Frankland, 26, labourer, and Thomas Collier, 21, labourer, were each fined 10s, levy and distress, in default four days' imprisonment, for behaving in a riotous manner in Darling-street.

Committed for Trial.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., Louis Norman, 26, draughtsman, and William Johnson, 26, labourer, were committed for trial on a charge of assaulting Isabella Guthrie and robbing her of a purse containing about £1 16s 6d, and other articles, valued in all at £2 2s. Francis Page, 31, traveller, was also committed for trial for unlawfully assaulting Euphemia Carroll.

Suspected Person.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., George Davis, 29, labourer, on a charge of frequenting Hyde Park with intent to commit a felony, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday Alexander Hargreaves, 27, on a charge of assaulting Arthur M'Intosh, and robbing him of 24 sovereigns, the property of Lucy Millington, on January 26, was committed for trial to the present Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst. William Charles Evans Morgan, 28, on a charge of obtaining one gallon of varnish and a trimming hide, value £3 13s 6d, the property of Briscoe, Drysdale, and Co., by means of a forged order, was committed for trial to the present Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst.

Selling Bad Meat.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Thomas Blamires, George-street, Sydney, was proceeded against on the information of George Baker (Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney) for selling mutton intended for but unfit for human food. The meat was purchased by a little girl on Thursday last, and being unfit for human food was handed to Inspector Baker. For the defence it was stated that the meat was perfectly fresh when served. Defendant was fined 20s and costs, Inspector Baker stating that he had a good reputation as a butcher, and no complaint had previously been made against him.

Charge of Theft.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Mair, S.M., Ernest A. Shepherd, aged 20, was charged with having stolen a gold watch, gold chain, and gold trinket, of the total value of £14, the property of George Lockhart, at Kogarah, on January 25. Mr. Cromwell appeared for the defence. The accused was ordered to be imprisoned with hard labour for two months.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

Mr. Smithers, S.M., was chairman of the Water Licensing Court yesterday. The following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Timothy Murray to Maria King, Old Shamrock Hotel, Crown and Woolloomooloo streets; Isaac Levy to John Carroll, Moore Park View Hotel, Dowling-street; Michael Galvin to Michael Burke, Shannon Hotel, Woolloomooloo; Jacob Rapp to Adam Jones, Windsor Castle Hotel, Windsor-street, Paddington; Margaret Reilly to Joseph Chaneval, Shipwrights' Arms, George-street; Cornelius Smith to Charles Hover, Merton Estate Hotel, Balmain; Esther Donnelly to Michael J. Breen, Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle Hotel, Oxford-street, Paddington.

N.S.W. CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES.

The monthly meeting of members of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, was held last night at the offices, Pitt-street, Mr. C. Ludowici, president, was in the chair.

A report of the delegates to the recent Conference of Chambers of Manufactures in Melbourne, was presented. The substance of this report was published in yesterday's "Sydney Morning Herald."

Mr. A. W. Gilles said some of the tariff items which the Tariff Committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Manufacturers' Conference had agreed to would be recommitted when the Conference met at Adelaide in March. He was confident that when the committee's recommendations had been revised, the members of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures would approve of them. (Hear, hear.)

The secretary reported that, under date of December 11, 1899, on behalf of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, he had written to Mr. W. F. Schey, secretary to the National Protection Union, relative to a statement which had been published that the Chamber had agreed to the proposed formation of trade boards, wherein an equal number of employers and employees might fix wages, hours, conditions, &c., the Government giving the force of law to such decisions, and enforcing penalties where they are infringed. The statement made by the chamber on the subject, he said, referred to what might occur under a federal tariff or some tariff that would give employers protection against the cheap labour of other countries, and thus enable them to pay whatever rates might be agreed upon by the boards. Mr. Clarke said he added that "under the present freetrade conditions such an agreement is impossible."

Mr. A. Wilson addressed the Chamber on the desirability of establishing the federal capital a little to the west of Blayney, between Carcoar and Orange. No existing settlement would be disturbed. He said he did not think there was a building worth £1000 in the whole area proposed to be taken up.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wilson.

ROWING ASSOCIATION.

A dinner was held in connection with the Rowing Association on Tuesday evening at the Cafe Francais, George-street. Dr. A. Burne presided, and there were about 50 present, including the members of the Sydney Rowing Club's champion eight, who had been invited as a compliment to mark that club's success for three consecutive years in winning the premiership of the association. Mr. J. J. Daley, the amateur champion sculler, was also invited, but was unable to be present. Prizes won at the association's regatta were presented by Mr. Q. L. Deloitte as follows:—Maiden fours, University Boat Club; junior fours, Mercantile Rowing Club; maiden eights, Glebe Rowing Club; champion sculls, J. J. Daley (M.R.C.); champion pairs, fours and eights, Sydney Rowing Club. The dinner was a success.

Immediately after the dinner the annual general meeting of the Rowing Association was held, Dr. A. Burne presiding. The honorary secretary, Mr. A. F. Fitzhardinge, was unable to attend, as he is now in camp with the Bushmen's Contingent. Mr. H. T. Symington, treasurer, brought forward the committee's report and treasurer's statement, both of which were taken as read, they being printed and circulated amongst those present. On the motion of Mr. Deloitte the reports were unanimously adopted. The treasurer's statement showed that £180 had been received, including £97 from the annual regatta. In addition to this a sub-committee had collected £112 towards the expenses of sending representative oarsmen to Melbourne for the eight-oar race and champion sculls. This amount covered all expenses in connection with the crew. Last year there was an overdraft with the bank of £48, but this year there is a balance of £9. However, against this there are accounts to be paid amounting to about £45. Assets are valued at about £100. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, his Excellency the Governor; president, the Hon. George Thornton, M.L.C.; vice-presidents, Miss Eadith Walker, Sir James R. Fairfax, Judge Backhouse, Hon. John See, Major Rennie, Dr. A. Burne, and Messrs. S. Hordern, Q. L. Deloitte, E. P. Simpson, T. H. Kelly, T. A. Dibbs, and M. A. H. Fitzhardinge; "elected" members of committee, Messrs. C. H. Helsham, J. E. R. Kennedy, and Q. L. Deloitte; hon. secretary, Mr. A. F. Fitzhardinge; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. T. Symington. A number of gentlemen were chosen to act as judges, starters, and umpires for the year. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Dr. A. Burne; also to Mr. Deloitte, who presented the regatta prizes.

At the conclusion of the business of the Randwick Council on Tuesday evening the Mayor (Alderman Theo. Powell) invited the aldermen and a number of ratepayers to partake of his hospitality, it being the last time he would have the privilege of presiding over the council this year. A few toasts were proposed and honoured.

A Remarkable Group.—Five Australian Premiers and the Executive Committee of the early-closing movement appear in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

J. Dobson's string of horses in training at Randwick, has been increased by Minnie S., a sister to Jewel King, and a five-year-old gelding by Invader from Seamstress.

A match of £50 aside has been made at Bullahdelah between Harry K., 11st 6lb, and Tré d'Or, 10st 6lb. The contest is to take place on the Rutherford course on February 15.

A. O'Neil, a well-known jockey, at the Metropolitan pony and galloway races a few years back, and who came here with a reputation as a rider from the Manning River district, was disqualified for three months at Aberdeen on Saturday last.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the Warwick Farm February meeting:—Flying Handicap: Crinas. Farm Stakes: Highlander. Pace Welter: Crinas.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. In addition to the ordinary service to Rockdale a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

Attention is directed to the fact that Mr. George W. S. Rowe will receive entries at the Warwick Farm R.C. office, Sydney, up to 3 p.m. to-day for the four principal events to be decided at the Onkaparinga Annual Meeting, S.A. The Great Eastern Steeplechase is endowed with 1000 sovs. in added money, while the Hurdle Race and the Onkaparinga Cup have 500 sovs. each attached to them. In each instance the nomination fee is only £1, and the subsequent liabilities are framed on as liberal a scale.

The secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-morrow for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising portion of the paper.

The ability of small horses to carry heavy weight has often been remarked upon, and another striking instance of it was afforded yesterday at Kensington by the chestnut galloway Indaba, by Invermay from Little Wonder, who won the Fourteen-two Handicap. Indaba had 10st 11lb on his back in a field of nine and won comfortably. This performance stamps him as one of the best galloways in the colony.

The steamer Arawatta, which left for Melbourne last night, had no less than 17 racehorses engaged in the Victorian autumn campaign on board, namely: Youdva, Caledonia, Drama, Hobson, Hoop Iron, Scornful, Hautboy, Blue Cap II., Waterloo, Coralie, Cabin Boy, Webbo, Dandy, Mist, Murrabrine, Welfare, and Lord Rudolph.

The recently re-formed Shoalhaven Turf Club has issued a liberal programme for a race meeting at Numba on February 21.

The chestnut colt Orzil, by Ayrshire from Merry Muser, recently imported from England by Mr. Osborne, has been placed under the care of W. Duggan at Randwick, to be prepared for racing.

PARKES JOCKEY CLUB.

PARKES, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Parkes J.C. was held yesterday. The credit balance is £31. Mr. H. V. Foy was elected patron; Mr. H. H. Balcombe, president; Messrs. S. E. Close and W. M. Nash, vice-presidents; Mr. A. W. Buzacott, treasurer; Mr. G. Weston, secretary; Mr. W. M. Nash, acting judge; Mr. J. Strickland, handicapper; Mr. P. C. Weston, starter. Mr. A. W. Buzacott, manager of the Bank of Australasia, and for some time secretary, was presented with a framed portrait of late secretary, Mr. H. S. Harwood.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Kensington yesterday were well attended. For suspicious running in the Fourteen-one Handicap the bay mare Hilda and R. Kelly (trainer) were each disqualified for 12 months, and the jockey (C. Murphy) was suspended from riding for a similar term for suspicious running in the Fourteen-one Handicap. Subjoined are the results:—

Trial Stakes (15.0) of 25 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—H. G. Kebble's b g Mr. Bird, 5 years, 8st 4lb (C. Murphy), 1; S. M'Dermott ns b m Desire, aged, 7st 5lb (W. Vale), 2; H. Malcolm's ch g Vernon, aged, 7st 10lb (J. Carney), 3. Other starters: Tib, 9st; Panama, 8st 7lb; Flower Girl, 7st 12lb; Amrita, 7st 12lb; Emmeres, 7st 10lb; Freetrade, 7st 5lb; Belltree, 7st 5lb; Nailer, 7st. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Vernon, 3 to 1 v. Mr Bird, 4 to 1 v. Divine, 6 to 1 v. Freetrade. Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 58¾ seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 30 sovs., 5 furlongs.—G. Payne's blk m Cinder, 4 years, 9st 5lb (W. Flannery), 1; B. Torpy's b m Hilda, 5 years, 7st 3lb (C. Murphy), 2; F. Lawler's b m Fortia, aged, 9st 5lb (E. Crockett), 3. Other starters: Clare, 10st 1lb; Sea Shell, 9st 12lb; Lady Bedfern, 8st; Sarah, 7st 5lb; Vixen, 7st 4lb; Amie Hay, 7st 2lb, including 2lb over. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Vixen, 5 to 2 v. Hilda, 3 to 1 v. Cinder. Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

Fourteen-three Handicap of 30 sovs.—J. Dean-Thomson's b m Silverstream aged, 7st 9lb (J. Carney), 1; J. Fawcett's b m Red Flag, 5 years, 7st 4lb (R. Hughes), 2; W. M. Grah h's b m Rippie, 5 years, 7st 12lb (J. Parry), 3. Fantasy also started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Silverstream, 6 to 4 v. Red Flag, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by 10 lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 30 sovs., 5 furlongs.—H. Andrews's blk or br m Speck II., 5 years, 8st (J. Carney), 1; B. Greer, jun.'s, ch g Sir Edward, 4 years, 7st 7lb, including 7lb penalty (W. Evans), 2; James A. Duncan's b m Dreamland, aged, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over (T. King), 3. Other starters: Sailor, 8st 5lb; Dairymaid, 7st 5lb, including 5lb over. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Speck II., 3 to 1 each v. Sir Edward and Dairymaid. Won by a length and a half, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 6¾ seconds.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—A. Bolger's ch g Indaba, 4 years, 10st 11lb (J. Carney), 1; D. Sheehan's b or br g Banjo, 4 years, 7st 4lb (R. M'Gregor), 2; H. J. Robinson's br g Optimist, 5 years, 7st 6lb (Whitbread), 3. Other starters: Lady Start, 8st; O.K., 7st 12lb; Elwyn, 7st 12lb; J.R., 7st 8lb; Cowboy, 7st 2lb; Camerton, 7st 2lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Indaba, 3 to 1 v. Elwyn, 4 to 1 v. Banjo, 8 to 1 v. Cowboy. Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute.

Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—J. Fawcett's br m Bashee, 6 years, 7st 5lb (R. Hughes), 1; Colin Gallimore's blk m Veronica, 4 years, 8st 6lb (C. Gallimore), 2; H. Andrews's b g Gilpin, aged, 8st 4lb (F. Phyllis), 3. Other starters: Minimus, 8st 8lb; Bessie, 8st 4lb; Tecoma, 8st; Her Grace, 7st 10lb; Mandira, 7st 1lb; Cinder, 7st 7lb, including 7lb penalty. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Tecoma, 4 to 1 v. Bashee, 5 to 1 each v. Veronica and Her Grace, 7 to 1 v. Mandira, 8 to 1 v. Cinder, 10 to 1 v. Minimus. Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

BROKEN HILL JOCKEY CLUB.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Jockey Club held its anniversary meeting this afternoon under most favourable auspices. The weather was all that could be wished for, and the railway line to the course was used for the first time. Following are the results:—

Handicap Trial Stakes, 6 furlongs.—Solo, 6 years, 8st 12lb (Findley), 1; Birchen, 2 years, 9st 3lb (Quinn), 2; Florin, 3 years, 7st 10lb (Spooner), 3. Other starters: Valdimar, Tashoda, Toro, Field Pounder, Mulga, Annie, and Patriot. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Solo and Birchen, 1 to 1 v. others. Won easily by six lengths. Time, 1 minute 2 2-5 seconds.

Railway Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Albany, by Gang Forward—Palema, 4 years, 8st 5lb (Quinn), 1; Jacq, 8st 7lb (Hodgkins), 2; Curtmantel, aged, 8st 9lb (Hopwood), 3. Other starters: Selector, 8st 10lb; Maggie Moore, 8st 3lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Jack, 2 to 1 v. Curtmantel, 4 to 1 v. Albany. Albany led all the away and won by a about two lengths. Time, 1 minute 19 4-5 seconds.

Welter Handicap, 1 mile.—Rhodon, by Pacific—Blood Rose, aged, 9st 7lb (Hodgkins), 1; Sweep, 8st 10lb (Gough), 2; Wave, 5 years, 9st 9lb (Walker), 3. Other starter: Salvator, 8st 11lb. Betting: Even money Sweep, 5 to 2 v. Rhodon, 3 to 1 v. Wave.

Anniversary Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Trout, by Vagabond—Carp, aged, 9st (Brady), 1; Curtmantel, 8st 4lb (Hopwood), 2; Maggie Moore, 7st 8lb (Findlay), 3. Only three started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Trout, 2 to 1 v. Curtmantel, 8 to 1 v. Maggie Moore. Resulted in a dead heat for first place. Time, 2 minutes 19 seconds. Betting on the run off: 2 to 1 on Trout, and even money on Curtmantel. Trout won by half a length.

Final Handicap, 9 furlongs.—Albani, by Gang Forward—Palema, 4 years, 8st 5lb (Jaques), 1; Birchen, 2 years, 8st (Hodgkins), 2; Solo, 6 years, 7st 7lb (Findlay), 3. Other starter: Wave, 8st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Albani, Birchen, and Solo. Won by half a length. Time, 1 minute 20 3-5 seconds.

YALGOGRIN RACES.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The Yalgogrin annual races resulted:—

Opening Handicap.—Mr. Bottrell's Cyclone, 1; Mr. Sanderson's Ouden, 2; Mr. Young's Silver Robert, 3.

Trial Stakes.—Mr. Scott's Colonel, 1; Mr. Stanley's Pardon, 2; Mr. Bottrell's Little Jack, 3.

Yalgogrin Handicap.—Mr. Bottrell's Cyclone, 1; Mr. Brown's Hard Times, 2; Mr. Power's Ferees, 3.

Members' Purse.—Mr. Young's Silver Robert, 1; Mr. Scott's Colonel, 2; Mr. Hastie's Civil, 3.

Consolation Handicap.—Mr. Tucker's Butcher Boy, 1; Mr. Sanderson's Ouden, 2; Mr. Welby's Weiraregang, 3.

MORUYA RACES.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

At the Moruya races to-day the attendance was large, and the racing was good. Results were:—

Opening Handicap.—Mr. Stewart's Bubbles, 1; Mr. Miller's Parthian, 2.

First Hack Race.—Mr. Francis's Rainbow, 1.

Moruya J.C. Handicap.—Bubbles, 1; Parthian, 2; Counterpoint, 3.

Second Hack Race.—Mr. Tarlinton's Countess, 1.

Forced Handicap.—Mr. Miller's Parthian, 1; Mr. Dunsmore's Scotch Liniment, 2.

MOLONG RACES.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The Molong races were held to-day, and passed off successfully. The results were:—

Opening Handicap.—Doreen, 1; Goldcoast, 2; L. X., 3.

Hack Race.—Brownie, 1; Rosebud, 2.

Molong Handicap.—Goldcoast, 1; Tomboy, 2; Doreen, 3.

Selling Race.—Little Bill, 1.

Farewell Handicap.—Laura, 1; Goldcoast, 2; Doreen, 3.

BRIGHTON TROTTING, PONY, AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the weights for the trotting, pony, and galloway races, to be held to-day at Brighton:—

Rockdale Handicap (14.2), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—Ada, 8st 7lb; True Colour, 8st 9lb; Emilia, 8st 7lb; Lioness, 8st 3lb; Nettie, 7st 13lb; June II., 7st 4lb; Maritana, 7st 4lb; Church Belle, 7st; Antic, 7st.

Tempe Handicap (12.2), 3½ furlongs.—Flora, 8st 8lb; Queenie, 7st 13lb; Blue and White, 7st 10lb; Foam, 7st 7lb; Yettonga, 7st 6lb; Lady Mulgrave, 7st 5lb; Coral May, 7st; Four Guineas, 7st.

Carlton Handicap (13.3), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—Patch, 8st 12lb; Little Nell, 8st 10lb; Blueskin, 8st 8lb; Planet, 8st 4lb; Ben, 8st; La Mascotte, 7st 10lb; Vera, 7st 10lb; Queen Tart, 7st 4lb; Bala, 7st.

Bexley Handicap (14.1), 4 furlongs 30 yards.—Frawney, 8st 7lb; Harmony, 7st 7lb; Deborah, 7st 7lb; Lady Isabel, 7st 7lb; Lady Logan, 7st.

Time Handicap Trot, 1¾ mile.—Bess, scratch; George, 7 seconds behind; Roger, 7 seconds behind; Shylock, 7 seconds behind; Nigger, 10 seconds behind; Tommy S., 19 seconds behind; Venus, 26 seconds behind.

CYCLING.

THE LEAGUE'S NIGHT CARNIVAL.

The handicaps for the first night's racing were declared yesterday, and are as follows:—

Half Mile.—R. H. Walne, J. Megson, F. E. Gordon, A. C. Forbes, R. W. Lewis, G. Sutherland, D. Walker, W. C. Jackson, W. M'Donald, F. S. Beauchamp, scratch; J. Wilkech, G. Carpenter, S. Mutton, 5 yards; A. Jones, W. G. Symonds, F. Hunt, G. E. Morgan, 10; A. C. Middleton, 15; A. H. Clinton, C. Bodi, J. A. Cochrane, E. Eaton, A. A. Middleton, J. W. Parsons, J. Roberts, J. Robertson, S. Murray, J. M'Innes, F. E. Marsden, 20; H. S. Tucker, J. Filsell, A. A. Rowland, 25; H. Symonds, C. Morrison, C. H. New, J. C. Fitzgerald, Wren Matthews, 30; L. Corbett, D. Harvison, J. Crowell, 35; J. Farrell, C. Remnant, C. B. Buckley, J. Schneider, J. E. Cliffe, A. Browne, 40; W. M'Combe, W. Sadler, F. W. Drinkwater, S. Walker, 45; E. B. Genster, A. Gibbons, F. G. Simpson, G. Myers, M. Warwick, C. Orr, W. Phelan, W. Hayes, W. Ternen, R. W. Thompson, 50; G. C. Wakeford, F. Corbett, S. Elsbury, R. Hall, J. H. Fitness, A. W. Orear, 55; C. Hansen, W. Williams, A. T. Browne, 60; W. Matterson, L. M'Innes, F. Fraser, A. H. Drinkwater, J. J. Brady, G. B. Dean, 65; R. C. Halliday, H. Gordon, C. Folkhard, 75; W. Walworth, C. Jorgenson, H. Anderson, 75; L. Moss, S. Fallick, H. L. Orr, 80; W. Slowman, 85; P. Rundle, 100; J. Best, F. Morehead, F. Vider, A. H. Tipper, 100.

One Mile, Class A.—W. Gahagan, scratch; C. E. Wakeford, 5 yards; L. Saunders, 15; W. Davey, G. T. Wilson, 20; C. W. Wood, 40; W. Munro, 60; C. Stelzin, 70; F. Niblett, W. Harris, 85; W. Panter, E. Strachan, 90; R. Mills, G. Truman, 100; W. Joss, A. Kirkpatrick, 105; A. Rumfry, 110; C. Hughes, 120; A. Bearpark, 125; E. Short, 140; G. Fowle, 160; T. Hughes, J. Saunders, 170.

Three Miles Team Race.—New South Wales, J. Megson, R. Mutton, R. Lewis; New Zealand, G. Sutherland, F. Hunt, A. C. Forbes; Victoria, W. C. Jackson, R. Walne, F. Beauchamp; South Australia, H. J. Symonds, A. J. Symonds, T. Wilks.

Yesterday afternoon Walne and M'Donald arrived from Melbourne, and the former was on the track during the evening. Walne appears to be riding as well as ever. He is undoubtedly in good form, and the scratch races look a good thing for him. Should all the Victorians who have entered come over, and there is no racing there to prevent them, the fields will include the whole of the best racing men in Australia, except Martin, who has gone to Tasmania. The meeting of Megson with the other intercolonial cracks will be of special interest, and the Sydney favourite will want to be in his best form to hold some of them. The draw of the heats will take place to-night, and then interest will increase, for the competitors will be able to see whom they have to meet in their heats.

WARATAH ROVER BICYCLE CLUB.

The club play a cricket match on Saturday with the Suburban Bicycle Club, and the following have been selected to represent the Waratahs:—Messrs. Dow, Gates, Redgate, Dobus, Scott, Baldock, Kellett, F. Tillock Clarke, Church, Kelly, Willoughby, and Massey.

BALMAIN BICYCLE CLUB.

At the last committee meeting of the club it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the club on February 5. In addition to other business to be transacted the election of the various officers will take place. All arrangements for the club's race meeting are complete. The "camp" which took place during the holidays at Berkshire Park was a great success.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ASSOCIATION RACE MEETING.

The great A.N.A. wheel race meeting was held at Melbourne Exhibition track on Friday and Saturday last, and, favoured by ideal weather, attracted an enormous attendance aggregating 45,000 for the two days and two nights. The great attraction was naturally the A.N.A. Wheel Race, a two miles handicap for £130, which drew a fine acceptance and provided good racing. As in past years this race was again robbed of much interest through the absence of first-class riders in the final. The race was run in heats, first, second, and third men qualifying, and the running of these saw a fair proportion of backmarkers in the semi-finals; but these, owing to want of proper adjustment, proved fatal to the first-class men's chances, not because they were not riding in good form, but on account of the big gaps left for them to make up. The final of this race saw S. Murray the back man, the other eleven riders being evenly spread out, the limit man being M'Queen on 350 yards. The race was uneventful, and was won by J. Roberts (160 yards), a Ballarat lad 18 years of age, with J. Robertson (140 yards) second, and J. Schneider (220 yards) third. Time, 4 minutes 20 seconds. Other interesting events decided were the A.N.A. Gold Stakes, a £100 scratch race, which was captured by W. C. Jackson, with Gordon and Forbes second and third respectively. The Federation Handicap provided a dead heat, A. Clinton and C. Buckley crossing the line together, with W. Weed third. The Australian Cup Handicap over a mile and a half produced some fine riding, the final being won by G. Morgan after an interesting race, Forbes second, and C. Buckley third. The last and most popular event decided was the motor-paced tournament over three miles, the heats, semi-finals, and final of which produced exciting racing. The final saw D. Mutton (N.S.W.) and G. Sutherland pitted against each other, and resulted in one of the most interesting and fastest races ever seen on Australian tracks, Sutherland getting home from Mutton in the record competition time of 5 minutes 39 3-5 seconds. The motors worked splendidly throughout, and proved that they are perfectly safe and reliable for this class of contest, which has quickly caught on with the public.

CYCLISTS MEET ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

A remarkable coincidence (says the "Daily Mail," England) occurred at the battle of Elands Laagte. A nephew of Dr. E. B. Turner, the well-known English cycling authority, came across a wounded Boer, who, while lying in agony and parched with thirst, pleaded for water. Dr. Turner's nephew took his flask and promptly complied with the disabled Boer's request. Then came a mutual recognition. The "nephew" referred to was a well-known English athlete, who had competed on the cycle track with P. J. Blignaut, and that identical P. J. Blignaut was the wounded Boer.

CYCLISTS AT THE WAR.

Reports received from Durban (Natal) state that more than one of the runners who are carrying despatches from the war correspondents shut up in Ladysmith are using bicycles in getting across country. With bicycles painted khaki colour, these runners creep out of the camp during the night, and, knowing every inch of the ground to be traversed, cover many miles before daybreak. Then they crawl into a gully or a watercourse, dragging their machines after them, and lie concealed during the time the light lasts. Once free of the hilly country that surrounds Sir George White's force they are enabled to make rapid progress. The cycle has lessened the time from town to coast from a week to three days, a by no means small item when the rage for latest news is considered.

ILLUMINATED BICYCLE RACE.

The illuminated bicycle parade of the League was held last night. The meeting took place at the Post Office, in Martin-place, and at 8 o'clock there must have been 150 bicycles and about 2000 people present. The line of parade was from the Post Office, down George-street, and back down Pitt-street. The display was very good, and some of the machines were artistically decorated. The council of the League gave £1 1s for the best decorated machine, £1 1s for the worst, and £1 1s for the best fancy costume, and these were awarded as follows:—Miss Strelein, as the Queen of Flowers, first prize; Mr. J. Megson, first prize for worst machine. Megson's machine was very good, it being made of boxes and hoops. The fancy costume was not awarded, as the judges—Messrs. J. Heighway (the secretary of the Cyclists' Union) and A. E. O'Brien could not decide.

RICHARDSON'S TOUR.

COOLGARDIE, Wednesday.

Richardson, who is cycling round Australia, reached Coolgardie at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday and was accorded a reception by local cyclists. He left for Perth to-day, and expects to reach his destination on Saturday evening.

CRICKET.

PATRIOTIC FUND'S BENEFIT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Hill, Darling, Jones, Reedman, and F. Jarvis passed through Melbourne yesterday to take part in the match at Sydney in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

At Sinnott's Hotel, Oxford-street, Paddington, last night, a social evening was held for the purpose of bidding good-bye to Mr. G. R. Bayle, who leaving for Brisbane. Mr. R. F. Lascelles presided over a large attendance, and presented their guest with a purse of sovereigns.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

Bega, 120 and two for 75, beat Southern Monaro, 115 and 74.

CROOKWELL, Wednesday.

Crookwell (closed for three wickets) 211, Denning 110 not. out v. Kialla 88.

EAST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Maitland Juniors 113, v. Durham Juniors 161. Thornton 40, v. Four Mile Creek 110. Woodville beat Largs by 13 runs. East Maitland 86, v. Pearls four for 90. East Maitland Juniors 6 for 80, v. Miller's Forest 40.

KATOOMBA, Wednesday.

Katoomba v. Britannia (Parramatta) played on Anniversary Day, and resulted in a draw. The scores were:—Katoomba 158, innings declared closed with nine wickets down; Britannia 72 for four wickets (E. Miller 32).

LAWSON, Wednesday.

A cricket match was played on Friday between Lawson Club and Petersham Franklin. The latter won by 3 runs. On Saturday Mount Victoria defeated Lawson by 25 runs.

SPRINGWOOD, Wednesday.

A one-innings match was played here on Saturday between the Katoomba and Springwood clubs, resulting in the defeat of the visitors by 38 runs.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

A cricket match was played on the Glebe wicket on Saturday afternoon between Bowral Association and Wattle Hill, and resulted in an easy win for the former.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENTS.

During last week the concluding games in the Waverley Club tournaments have been completed, the results of which have left the various tournaments in an interesting stage. The following are the details:—

Club Championship.—T. Marshall (21) beat J. Graham (19), W. Wynne (21) beat Morcombe (17), W. Rummel (21) beat G. Dyson (18).

General Handicap.—R. Beatton (4 on—21) beat D. Mitchell (5 on—20), E. G. N. Gibbes (2 on—21), beat A. A. Locke, (scratch—13).

Pair Handicap.—Messrs. W. Wynne and W. E. Caine (2 on—21) beat Messrs. F. Gartrell and G. H. Parsons (2 on—20), Messrs. Blanchard and H. C. Usher (scratch—21) beat Messrs. A. J. Higginbotham and W. Andrew (3 on—12).

The whole of the matches in connection with the second round of the Waverley Club Tournament having been concluded, the managing committee met at the clubrooms on Friday, when the draw for the third round took place with the following result:—

Club Championship.—E. G. Wahlberg plays H. C. Usher, S. B. King plays W. Wynne, D. M'Donald plays W. Rummell, A. A. Locke a bye. Left challengers (right. To be played off on or before February 12.

Pair Handicap.—W. Wynne and W. C. Caine (2 on) v. M'Naughton and R. Beatton (scratch), A. A. Locke and H. C. Hewlett (scratch) v. H. C. Usher and Colonel Blanchard (scratch), E. G. Wahlberg and H. T. Wills (6 on) a bye. To be played off on or before February 12.

General Handicap.—H. C. Usher (scratch) plays J. R. Rogers (scratch), E. G. Wahlberg (scratch) plays T. Marshall (2 on), M. Hegarty (4 on) plays E. G. N. Gibbes (2 on), M. Fitzgerald (scratch) plays G. Dyson (4 on), R. Beathon (4 on) plays Dr. Schrader (6 on). To be played off on or before February 12.

VISIT TO ADELAIDE.

The Waverley Bowling Club is organising a team to visit Adelaide next Easter. Mr. D. M'Donald will manage the team. Already ten leading players have signified their willingness to undertake the journey.

SAILING.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

The vice-commodore (Mr. H. N. Colley) presided at a meeting of the Sydney Dingy Club at the clubrooms last night. Letters, enclosing donations towards the club funds, were received from Messrs. J. Gannon, Alexander Oliver, T. E. Creswell, and R. T. Kelly. The prizes won in last Saturday's races were paid over as follows:—Fourteen-feet handicap: First, Othello (G. Ellis), £3 10s; second, Esa (B. B. Lloyd), £1; and third Cho (W. Dunn), 10s. Eight-foot handicap: First, Inez (T. Timbrell), £1 10s; and second, Cyclone (J. Hartland), 10s. Mr. W. M. Ford was elected commodore, the only other nomination being that of Mr. F. P. Pring. It was decided that the registration fee for new boats entering the club for the remainder of the season be reduced by half the present amount. During the evening a private match was arranged between the 10-footers Crescent and Planet, for a stake of £20 a-side, to be sailed under "best and best" conditions, at the end of the week. The course decided on is from Goat Island round Shark Island and back.

JOHNSTONE'S BAY CLUB.

A meeting of the Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club was held on Monday night at the Club rooms, Pacific Hotel, Stephens-street, Balmain. Mr. S. Boyd (vice-president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. It was decided to hold a general handicap next Saturday in the place of the 22-footers championship. The following boats entered:—Ira (J. Smith), Ketriki (O. Taylor), Kyeewa (G. Ellis), Southern Cross (J. J. Mackon), Plover (W. Read). It was further decided that all profits arising from the race should be handed over to the Patriotic Fund. It was resolved to place all visiting boats and their crews on the club's register as honorary members. The officials for Saturday's general handicap were appointed as follows:—Umpire and time keeper, Mr. F. W. J. Donovan; starter, Mr. S. Boyd; judge, Mr. R. Yeend; charge of steamers, Messrs. C. Pilfold and A. E. Elliott. Entries were received for the 8ft. dingy race as follows:—Cyclone II. (H. Hancock), Cyclone I. (J. Hartland), Britannia (C. T. Fleming), Era (E. Kellar), Inez (T. Timbrell), Valkyrie (W. M. West). The following entries were also received for the 10-footers race:—Procella (A. C. Pritchard), Crescent II. (C. Dunn), Planet (T. Cuneo), Pheasant (T. (Parcell), Zanita (T. Colebrook, jun.) Young Clive (L. Holmes). On the motion of Mr. A. E. Elliott it was resolved,—"That the best thanks of the club be accorded to the Anniversary Regatta Committee for the excellent manner in which all arrangements in connection with Friday's fixture were carried out." It was decided to forward a letter of sympathy to Mr. E. B. Shaw (one of the club's vice-presidents) on account of the death of his father, Mr. C. H. Shaw.

ROWING.

NORTH SHORE ROWING CLUB.

The forty-first half-yearly meeting of the North Shore Rowing Club was held last evening at the Queen's Hotel, Alfred-street, and was well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Brooks. The hon. secretary, Mr. Victor Horniman, read the interim report, which showed the club to be in a flourishing condition. Mention was made of the fact that owing to some slight faults developing in the club's new best and best four-oared boat, built to the order of the club in an adjoining colony, the club was unable to take part in the four-oared race at the recent Anniversary Regatta. Complimentary references were made to the double win secured by the junior crew at the Balmain Public Regatta and the Glebe Rowing Club's regatta. The interim statement of accounts presented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Woodthorp, showed an increase in the credit balance of about £29. Other formal business having been dealt with, an enjoyable hour or two was socially spent, many of the members contributing acceptable musical items.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

The prizes won at the Anniversary Regatta were presented by Sir Matthew Harris, president of the committee, last night at the Hotel Australia. The meeting was very largely attended by rowing and sailing men. Mr. A. T. Pittar, owner of the yacht Rainbow, which won first prize in the Intercolonial Yacht Race, was accorded an ovation, and suitably responded. The Mayor made special reference to the Rainbow, C. Towns, who won the All-comers Handicap, and to the excellent sailing done in the strong wind which prevailed on the day. Dr. A. Burne proposed a vote of thanks to subscribers, which was supported by the Hon. W. R. Campbell. Mr. Q. L. Deloitte proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, and Mr. J. Fogg proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary secretaries and treasurers, also to the chairman of committee. This was responded to by Dr. Burne, chairman, Mr. A. G. Milson, treasurer, and the secretaries Messrs. Helsham and Donovan, all of whom were very well received. Mr. Milson said the funds had come in so well that there was a credit balance, and subscriptions exceeded those of last year. Mr. Donovan stated that next year it was proposed to hold a regatta on a much larger scale to mark the advent of the coming century, and it was probable there would be nearly £800 in hand after this regatta was squared up, that being for the 1901 event. He believed it would be possible to give £1000 in prizes next year. A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

SWIMMING.

EAST SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.

Mr. H. Hellings, official handicapper to the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association, issued the following starts last night in connection with the East Sydney Swimming Club's 90 yards inter-club handicap, to be swum next Saturday at Farmer's Domain Baths:—

First heat: D. R. Loutit, 16 seconds; A. Thorpe, E. Sharpe, 13; D. Morrison, 12; W. Furlong, 10; F. Hare, 8; A. J. Johnston, 7; U. Bardsley, 5; P. Olliffe, 4; R. Martin, scratch. Second heat: S. Beaumont, 18 seconds; W. Mulhall, 13; L. C. Kutlands, C. Elderton, 12; G. Paling, 10; F. Bale, 8; H. C. Hall, 7; H. Morrison, 5; P. M. Loutit, 4; C. M'Gregor, 3. Third heat: C. F. Train, 18; H. A. Gould, 14; R. Duret, 12; O. Giles, 11; A. Christian, 9; R. J. Thorpe, 8; A. Schmidt, 7; T. Murray, J. Swift, 5; C. A. Madden, 2. Fourth heat: R. Martin, 15; S. Smith, 14; J. O'Grady, 12; J. R. Chant, 11; J. Clarken, 9; A. F. Weaver, 8; C. Abel, 7; C. Eegan, 6; A. Gordon, 5; H. M'Laughlin, 2. Fifth heat: S. Boyre, 15; J. Bogus, 14; R. Comans, 12; E. S. Hobson, 11; W. B. Coates, 9; A. Jerrems, E. Massey, 7; O. Mathers, 6; A. Johnston, 5; W. Regan, 2. Sixth heat: T. Gannon, 16; R. S. Turnbull, 14; F. Terry 12; W. Lance, 11; A. Russell, 9; C. Wilson, 7; J. Gourley, 6; J. Dunn, G. Alderton, 5; W. Kearney, 3. Seventh heat: F. A. Randle, 16; M. Tweedie, 15; J. Lapthorne, 13; M. Cohen, 11; T. Pert, 9; W. L. Shaw, 8; L. Clarke, 6; W. Newton, 5; A. Stewart, G. Piddington, 3. Eighth heat: L. Watson, 15; J. Kay, V. Wilson, 11; H. Fawl, 8; A. Wilkins, scratch.

Forty-five Yards Cyclists' Union Handicap.—First heat: C. Fisher, 14 yards; J. W. Morris, 11; H. Paul, N. Cohen, E. C. Lorick, 7; R. M. Pontey, 6; A. L. Graham, 4; E. W. Coulson, scratch. Second heat: H. L. Diamond, 13 yards; J. Cormack, C. Palmer, B. Nurse, E. S. O'Keefe, 7; G. Clubb, G. Pontey, W. B. Coates, 6; J. Blumer, 2.

The Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris) has written to the East Sydney S.C., stating that he will be present at Woolloomooloo Bay next Saturday to witness the 300 Yards Championship of New South Wales. Heats in connection with the championship have been drawn as follows:—

First heat: E. W. Coulson, W. H. Bond, B. Byers, R. Pert, C. Hellings. Second heat: W. Bishop, R. R. Craig, P. Higgins, N. Martin, J. O'Grady, M. Gordon. Third heat: O. Kong Sing, R. Baker, C. Proudfoot, W. Ryan, R. Cavill, J. Kearney, M. W. B. Coates.

The plunge champion has agreed to give his Monte Christo trick at the carnival. He will, tied up in a sack, dive from a platform 50ft. in height, and whilst under water release himself and change his costume. The New South Wales Life-saving Society will bring off the following events at the carnival:—Knees and feet tied race, all clothes race, breast and back race, and rescue of drowning man in full costume. The entry list for the different events are:—Championship, 18; Playfair Handicap, 29; Cyclists' Union Handicap, 17; Interclub, 73.

NORTH SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.

This club held a 66-yards handicap on Tuesday evening last at Cavill's baths, Farm Cove. The baths were excellently lighted by acetylene gas, and the race was witnessed by a number of interested spectators. The officials were:—Handicapper and starter, Mr. J. Daneuy; judges, Messrs. A. Slocombe and T. Morton. The following is the result:—

First heat: A. Welch, 8 seconds, 1; A. M'Donald, 11, 2; H. Baird, 12, 3. Second heat: A. Andrew, 8 seconds, 1; J. Roberts, 13, 2; C. Pengelly, 9, 3. Third heat: A. Jerrems, 7 seconds, 1; M. Gordon, scratch, 2; W. Boylan, 5, 3. Fourth heat: O. Mathers, 6 seconds, 1; S. Cripps, 4, 2; A. Campbell, 7, 3. Final: A. Welsh, 8 seconds, 1; O. Mathers, 6, 2; A. Jerrems, 7, 3; A. Andrews, 8, 4.

EAST SYDNEY S. C.

The following entries have been received for the East Sydney S. C. carnival, fixed to be held next Saturday at Farmer's Domain Baths:—

300 Yards Championship of New South Wales.—W. Bishop, R. Cavill, R. R. Craig, H. Smith, W. H. Bond, B. Byers, R. Pert, O. Kong Sing, R. Baker, C. Proudfoot, W. Ryan, J. Kearney, P. Higgins, W. Martin, J. O'Grady, Mal. Gordon, E. Coulson.

An interesting programme, which will conclude with the polo match Bondi v. Balmain, has been prepared.

The tenth annual meeting of the Hornsby Junction School of Arts was held on Tuesday night, Mr. O. G. Roberts, president, presiding. The report of the committee showed that there were over 100 members on the roll, and that subscriptions showed a considerable increase over last year. There were 551 books in the library. The treasurer's balance-sheet showed a credit of £5 13s 7d on general account and £104 on building fund account. During the year over £21 had been spent for new books. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. O. G. Roberts; vice-president, Mr. J. Sutton; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. C. E. Cowdery; committee, Mr. R. Goss, Mr. E. Stanley, Miss Cowdery, Miss E. Sutton, Mr. G. E. Higgins, Mr. G. Wigley, and Mr. A. Smith; auditors, Messrs. Shortland and A. A. Rodgers.

"So Long! Old Mates," Will Ogilvie's stirring poem, beautifully illustrated by Hall Thorpe, written specially for this week's "Mail."—Advt.

YACHTING.

RAINBOW v. WHITE WINGS.

The third and final of the series of three races between the Auckland (N.Z.) craft Rainbow and the Sydney yacht White Wings was sailed yesterday over the following course, viz.:—From a flying start from a line between the starter's boat and H.M.S. Royal Arthur's buoy down to and round both buoys at Manly, round Shark Island and Fort Denison, thence again round the buoys at Manly, Shark Island, and back to the finish between a flagboat and H.M.S. Royal Arthur's buoy—a distance of about 22 miles. The wind was light to moderate from about E.N.E., with the last of the ebb. The starting flag was lowered at 2.35 p.m. Both yachts were fairly close up, and each, in addition to her lower canvas, carried a jackyard topsail. Their respective times passing the line were—White Wings at 2h. 35m. 25s, and Rainbow 15 seconds later on the port tack. After going a couple of cable lengths the White Wings threw round, being still on the Rainbow's weather, but apparently she lost slightly under the lee of Fort Denison, where she again came in stays; but when the Rainbow threw round at Garden Island she was in command. Both then stood across the channel towards Robertson's Point. Rainbow was first to stay. White Wings, however, being still on the starboard tack, met her rival, which immediately threw round. White Wings at the same time came about, and by so doing again assumed the lead. Rainbow carried for a few fathoms and was then close up in the track of the White Wings, but if anything slightly to windward. A longer stretch now resulted, in which the White Wings got away somewhat, as when she came about again at the beacon at Shark Island she crossed the Rainbow by a few lengths. Rainbow, however, held a better wind, and cleared the beacon, standing in a short distance, where she again tacked. Both then were standing down on the starboard tack. When off George's Head the White Wings came on the port tack. The Rainbow, however, apparently got the wind rather more from the eastward. This enabled her to easily cross the White Wings, which came off on the port tack. The latter threw round, and both then were apparently laying their course. White Wings made a short board before reaching Middle Head. In the meantime the Rainbow had improved her position, and clearing Middle Head held a lead of about half a mile. A short board enabled them to clear the buoy at Manly, where the times were—Rainbow at 3h. 41m. 55s., and White Wings at 3h. 48m. 41s. The leading yacht smartly set a balloon jib, and afterwards added a spinnaker. The wind was too much abeam for this kite, which was taken in before opening the Heads. So far the Rainbow held a lead of 6 minutes 46 seconds. On the run to Shark Island the White Wings dropped slightly astern, the times at the jibe being—Rainbow at 4h. 15m. 11s, and White Wings at 4h. 22m 38s. On the lead to Fort Denison the White Wings drew up slightly, the extras were stowed, and the yachts came on a wind as follows:—Rainbow at 4h. 29m. 55s., and White Wings at 4h. 36m. 53s.

Working down to Manly the second time, the Rainbow kept the eastern shore abeam, while her opponent stuck to the western shore, and by so doing lost somewhat. They eventually reached the rounding mark as follows—Rainbow at 5h. 34m. 41s., and White Wings at 5h. 46m. 10s. At this point the Rainbow led by 11 minutes 29 seconds. Extras were smartly added for the run up the harbour. The Rainbow further increased her lead to the buoy at the island, the times at the jibe being:—Rainbow at 6h. 13m. 20s., and White Wings at 6h. 25m. 22s. So far there was 12 minutes and 2 seconds between them. On the lead to the flagboat balloon canvas was in evidence, and the Rainbow added a few seconds to her lead, the official times at the finish being: Rainbow at 6h. 32m. 15s., and White Wings at 6h. 41m. 23s.

Thus the Rainbow, in charge of Mr. A. Logan, wins this event by 12 minutes 8 seconds, being the second victory of the series.

Mr. S. Hordern conveyed a number of friends on board his steam yacht, Bronzewing, a pleasant afternoon resulting. The steamer Greyhound carried a number of enthusiasts, and many yachts were in evidence.

FISHING.

INTER-CLUB FISHING COMPETITION.

The members of the Amateur Fishermen's Association and the Burwood Amateur Fishing Club had a friendly fishing contest at the Hawkesbury River on Anniversary Day. The city club was represented by Messrs. R. Eastway, G. Hollingdale, F. Charles, W. Stewart, A. Jackson, F. Mallott, A. May, F. Board, F. Hayward, E. Dwyer, G. Rivers, S. M'Donnell, F. Harper, J. Donaldson, J. Danehy, A. Hartin, M. Ross, and C. Thackeray (captain). The Burwood Club were represented by Messrs. G. Dale, W. Bell, E. Keene, W. Harris, A. Harris, K. Kenway, A. Dodimead, S. Wilson, H. Andrews, and P. Kiernan. Several non-competitors attended the outing. The catch was judged by averaging the aggregate amongst the members on each side. The fishing was poor, and catfish were plentiful. The result was a win for the Sydney Association with an average catch of five weighable fish per man, against the Burwood average of three and a half. Several men used rods, but the majority fished with hand-lines, the latter being the most successful. Certificates for the best catches each side were won by Messrs. G. Hollingdale, 4; W. Stewart, 2; W. Bell, 1; and H. Andrews and P. Kiernan tied for a second. Messrs. Eastway and Jackson, who had tied in an angling competition for a rod presented by Messrs. Bartlett and Son (England), fished off for the trophy with the result that Mr. R. E. Eastway became the winner. The fish caught during the day were flathead, jewfish, flounder, tailer, black bream, and eels, and none were allowed to weigh-in which were under the standard weights.

MEETINGS.

The forty-first annual meeting of the St. Leonards School of Arts was held in that building on Monday, and was well attended. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. J. Carter. The report and balance-sheet, which were adopted, showed a marked improvement in the affairs of the institution. The revenue for the year amounted to £402 18s 7d, and the expenditure to £390 4s 4d, leaving a credit balance of £12 14s 3d. A slight increase was noticeable in the amounts received from subscriptions and hire of the hall. The chief items of expenditure were the repainting and renovation of the hall, and the interest upon and repayment of a portion of the capital sum of the mortgage debt. In regard to the library, 200 new books had been added, and a succession of new books from the Sydney Book Club also augmented the number of volumes available to subscribers. There were 210 names on the members' roll, as against 172 for the previous year, or an increase of 38. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. John Carter; senior vice-president, Mr. W. Liggins; junior vice-president, Mr. Richard E. Welch; auditors, Messrs. G. S. Arthur and J. Newstead; treasurer, Mr. P. H. Hillman; committee, Messrs. J. R. Beaumont, O. Trickett, J. H. Summerbell, M. Willis, J. R. Ford, and D. H. Barton. On the motion of Mr. M. Willis, seconded by Mr. P. H. Hillman, it was resolved,—"That this meeting begs to recommend to the incoming committee the advisability of receiving no nomination for any position without the written consent of the person nominated." The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the retiring officers.

A meeting of the recently-formed Laboratory Association of Australasia was held on Saturday afternoon by private invitation at Deubigh House, Sans Souci, the residence of Dr. Carroll, M.A., who occupied the chair. It was explained at length by the chairman that similar work to that proposed to be done was now in full operation in other countries. Germany, up to a recent date, had examined over 6,000,000 State school children in its anthropometrical laboratories and had instituted schools for defectives. New South Wales spent annually something like three-quarters of a million sterling upon the free education of the children of the community. But to a very large extent our fine system of national education failed in its aim, for the lack of means to guide and assist the teacher in discriminating between the capabilities and deficiencies of child and child. Modern science had practically proved that, if a child is taken when young, that in which he is defective can be remedied; that in which he is deficient may be made up to him; and that which has degenerated within him may be restored. But until recently we had been dealing with our children almost wholly in the dark. The Smithsonian Institute had been privately endowed with something like half a million of money, and received from the United States Government somewhere about £60,000 per annum to assist it in carrying on such work as this. Mr. Hennessy, the organising secretary, reported that arrangements had been made to hold drawing-room meetings in the various suburbs, to bring the objects of the association before the public.

The monthly meeting of the State Children Relief Board was held at the boardroom, Richmond-terrace, Domain, on Monday. There were present:—The president (Sir Arthur Renwick, M.L.C.), Mrs. Grimshaw, Mrs. Stephen, Hon. W. J. Trickett, M.L.C., and the Hon. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C. A letter regretting her inability to attend was received from Mrs. Garran. The boarding-out officer's report was read, showing that 41 children had been admitted to control, and 18 discharged, leaving at the present time 3820 under the supervision of the board. Of these 1146 are apprenticed, 106 adopted, 149 in cottage homes, and 2311 boarded out. Besides these there are 1072 widows and others receiving allowances for 3257 children under section 19 of the State Children Relief Act of 1896. The resignation of Mrs. A. Sanders, lady visitor for Grafton, was received with regret. Mrs. Dunstan was appointed lady visitor for the district of Esmore. Since last meeting of the board the sum of £125 12s has been collected from contributing parents and others for the maintenance of children. Eleven applications for the restoration of children to their relatives were dealt with, nine being approved and two refused. Seventy applications for the custody of State children were received, 47 being approved and 23 refused. Accounts amounting to £2244 5s 8d were passed for payment.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

COUNTRY QUARTER SESSIONS.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions Court was opened to-day by Judge Fitzhardinge. There was one case only, viz., Fred. Matthews, who pleaded guilty to illegally using a horse, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Richard Cole was tried at the Quarter Sessions yesterday on a charge of sheep stealing. The jury was locked up on Tuesday night, and being found not to have agreed this morning was discharged. Accused was bound over to appear at another court.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The Grafton Quarter Sessions were held to-day, before Acting Judge Wade. Mr. Moriarty was Crown Prosecutor. Thirteen new magistrates were sworn. George Michael Gribert, charged with cattle-stealing, was remanded to the next court, the jury not agreeing. Jacob Stein, aged 66, a foreigner, was found guilty of maliciously wounding J. G. Philips, and was sentenced to six months' gaol.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

An old man named Lewis Migley was found drowned in a waterhole, near Armidale, to-day.

The weather is very hot. A nice shower fell this afternoon.

There are large entries for the annual races next week.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The A., H., and P. Association's accounts show that £600 was cleared on the last exhibition.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The rainfall for January was 2in.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

At an inquest yesterday as to the destruction by fire of Harwood's blacksmith's shop and a kitchen occupied by Mrs. Elliott, a verdict was returned that the premises were wilfully set on fire by some person unknown.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the School of Arts was held last night under the presidency of Dr. T. C. Fisher. The report showed that during the past 12 months 125 books had been added to the library, while the membership showed an increase of six over the previous 12 months, the number on the roll now being 103. The report and the balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. T. C. Fisher; vice-presidents, Messrs. Gavin George and R. S. Mackenzie; treasurer, Mr. H. E. Wickham; secretary, Mr. H. H. Shepherd; committee, Dr. A. S. Vallack, Dr. R. Crawford, Messrs. J. J. Campbell, J. H. Chapman, T. Bosyage, G. Markton, J. M. Christie, J. Stokes; librarian and caretaker, Mr. W. Roylance.

The vital statistics for 1899 were—Births, 85; deaths, 37; marriages, 25.

The rainfall for last year was 39·31in.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Father Kielty has been presented with an address and a purse of sovereigns. He has left Grafton to take charge of Smithtown parish.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

On Sunday morning last the dead body of a man named Charles Glendinning, about 60 years of age, was found floating in Shellharbour basin. A magisterial inquiry failed to bring out any evidence as to how deceased got into the water.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

A mysterious complaint is affecting the cattle, principally milch cows and working bullocks.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

The members of the council entertained Alderman C. A. Scrivener at Cloke's Hotel last night on the occasion of his retirement from municipal life, with which he has been identified nearly the whole period of the incorporation of the municipality. The Mayor (Alderman Morehead) presided.

MERRIWA, Wednesday.

The annual hospital meeting was held yesterday. The credit balance is £120 2s 1d.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The Bishop of the Mission Diocese of New Guinea visited Molong yesterday and conducted an impressive service in St. John's Church.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

Patrick Boyle was yesterday committed for trial at the Braidwood Sessions on a charge of breaking and entering.

MOREE, Wednesday.

A jockey, named Brogan, while riding the horse Louis d'Or this morning, struck a post, sustaining a fractured jaw and other injuries.

MURRUMBURRAH, Wednesday.

The Benmore Estate, near Cunningar, comprising 970 acres of C.P. land, was sold by auction to-day by Messrs. J. Bourke and Son at prices ranging from 40s to 61s per acre, the total purchase money being £2200.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the stock board yesterday the chairman, Mr. J. B. Brodie, stated that the Chief-Inspector of Stock and the Under-Secretary for Lands had informed him that steps were being taken to complete the erection of a rabbit-proof fence from Yarraldool to Narrabri.

PATERSON, Wednesday.

The dredge Gamma after doing splendid work in the Paterson River has been removed to Morpeth.

PAMBULA, Wednesday.

The Rev. R. Bavin held a meeting yesterday in reference to the Wesleyan Century Commemoration Fund. The circuit promised 80 guineas.

RICHMOND, Wednesday.

At a committee meeting of the Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association held yesterday, it was decided to hold the forthcoming show on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 8, 9, and 10. The show in former years has been held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, but the local early closing arrangements are not suitable to the holding of the show on those days in future.

TEMORA, Wednesday.

Mr. Richard Sheridan Millett, manager of the Sebastopol Cyanide works, died last night.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, wife of Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, M.L.A. for the Murrumbidgee, fell this morning and fractured her leg.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society the report stated that much charitable work of a necessary kind had been carried out during the year. 1422 orders had been issued, the total expenditure amounting to £106, leaving a balance to credit of £21. The report was adopted. Mrs. G. H. Tempest was re-elected president, Mesdames Horsley, Jones, and Mulling, vice-presidents; Mrs. Wilkins, treasurer; and Miss Rouse, secretary.

A fire occurred this afternoon in Fitzmaurice-street, which resulted in the total destruction of a large weatherboard store and dwelling, occupied by Kong Fat, Chinese merchant. The stock was valued at £1000, and was uninsured. The building was insured, but the amount is not stated. None of the stock was saved.

A fire broke out in the storeroom of the Wagga "Advertiser" yesterday afternoon, but with the assistance of the brigade it was extinguished before much damage was done.

At Gaumain Station yesterday James Thomas Ruddick, a boy, 9 years of age, was thrown from his horse. His foot caught in the stirrup, and he was dragged some distance. Two men who saw the accident went to the boy's assistance, and found him quite dead. At the magisterial inquiry to-day a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

The Quarter Sessions were opened this morning before Judge Docker. Mr. Armstrong was Crown prosecutor.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the members of the Wellington Starr-Bowkett Building Society was held on Monday night. The balance-sheet for past year was received and considered satisfactory. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Scott, Seymour, Tait, Broom, M'Leod, Nancarrow, J. Porter, Breeze, Flanagan, Rodda, Thorncraft, Deveson; as auditors, Messrs. M'Leod and Polson.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The eighty-ninth half-yearly meeting of the West Maitland School of Arts was held to-night. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and showed that the institution had made very little progress during the half-year. The library contained 8202 volumes, 6703 having been issued. The membership roll showed 262, being a decrease of eight on the previous half-year. The receipts amounted to £381 8s 11d. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. T. Lindsay; vice-president, Mr. C. B. Warden; secretary, Mr. W. M'Lauchlin; treasurer, Mr. W. S. Tegg; committee, Messrs. R. Logan, P. Fennelly, H. Blair, T. A. Hill, E. M'Donald, C. E. Crutch; auditors, Messrs. W. Thompson and E. Hackett.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The returns of the Lands Office for the past year show a marked increase in receipts as compared with previous years. The total amount of revenue received by the C.P.S. and Lands Office was £3418 0s 8d.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

Major Macnabe, who is leaving for Western Australia, was tendered a banquet yesterday.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

Mr. R. Thomas's store, at Marsdens, was destroyed by fire on Monday.

Mr. F. Neild, sen., has been elected president of the hospital.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

There was a very large attendance of residents of the borough of Waverley at Stratton's Hotel, Ebley-street, on Tuesday evening, when a public meeting was held for the purpose of considering the formation of a local company of the 7th Infantry Regiment (St. George's English Rifles). The meeting was presided over by the Mayor (Alderman Watkin Wynne). Amongst those present were Colonel J. C. Neild, M.L.A., officer commanding the regiment, Captain F. W. C. Crane, and other officers of the regiment. Alderman W. Carter moved the first resolution to the effect that it was desirable to form a volunteer company within the borough of Waverley to be attached to the 7th Infantry Regiment (St. George's English Rifles). The motion was seconded by Alderman G. J. Waterhouse, and supported by Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., and Mr. Thomas Jessop, M.L.A. The motion was carried with enthusiasm. A large number of residents were subsequently enrolled and sworn in as members of the company.

Swopping Yarns at the Bushmen's Camp, a fine picture of two Crack Riders, see this week's "Mail."—Advt.

THE EARLY CLOSING ACT.

THE LAW WORKING SMOOTHLY.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT.

REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS.

AMENDMENTS REQUIRED.

It is reported by the Labour Department that the Early Closing Act is now working smoothly, and that the employees are certainly reaping the benefit of its provisions. It was believed that a great deal of hardship would in the first instance result to the small shopkeepers. Shortly after the Act had become law many of these persons wrote most pathetic letters to the department. They said that their business would be ruined and their livelihood gone for ever. Now, however, they are of a different opinion, and many of them appear to be thankful for a few hours' respite from business after 6 o'clock at night. Others, again, are sellers of what the publicans call "soft stuff," which includes lemonade, sodawater, and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages too numerous to mention. These shopkeepers can keep open until a late hour. All they have to do is to put the articles they are forbidden to sell after 6 o'clock at night safely under lock and key. The inspectors appointed by the department are, it may be stated, rendering all the assistance they can to the small shopkeepers. Partitions are being "run up," divisions in shops made, and cases constructed at their recommendation in the most economical way possible. But the "mixed shop" has been a difficulty from the first, and it will probably remain so to the end of the chapter.

As regards the larger city and suburban establishments, where business is more clearly defined, it is satisfactory to report that no trouble is being experienced by the department. The closing hours are, as a rule, being implicitly obeyed. It seems to be thought by a number of people outside that a large amount of business is being transacted behind "closed shutters." So far the department cannot verify this. "Surprise visits" have been made by the inspectors in one or two instances, but nothing tangible has resulted.

In future the Act is to be rigidly enforced. Certificates of appointment have been issued to members of the metropolitan police force who have been selected under the Act, and the Police Department has communicated with the superintendents in the country districts with the view of the immediate appointment of inspectors throughout the country. It should be borne in mind that the police will have far greater opportunities of observing whether or not the Act is being obeyed than will the few ordinary inspectors appointed to see that the requirements of the law are carried out.

Various minor offences are reported to the department. A great many shopkeepers keep open under the pretence that they are ignorant of the law, notwithstanding that it is explained to them from time to time by the departmental officers. Italian storekeepers and other "foreigners" are great offenders in this respect. A long list of these delinquents has been prepared. Some of them may be prosecuted before long, at least that is what the officers of the department say.

Another persistent class of offenders are those who insist upon selling over the "back fence." They close their shops but do not keep them closed. The department desire it to be known that the law is not complied with when the front door of a shop is closed if sales go on at the back door. Shopkeepers in the outlying portions of the suburbs are alleged to be special offenders in this respect.

One or two complaints have been made with regard to wholesale houses keeping clerks behind to work during prohibited hours. On inquiry, however, these complaints have not been substantiated. Many people apparently confuse wholesale houses (which come within the jurisdiction of the Act) with "indenting" houses (which do not). The test of a "wholesale house" is whether or not goods are exposed for sale.

The Act, it is admitted by Mr. Perry, Minister for Labour, is not perfect. On the contrary, it is the intention of the Minister to introduce an amending measure as soon after Parliament meets as is possible. Various points will have to be made clear. At present country districts are at a disadvantage. When the Mayor or the municipality has fixed the day for the half-holiday it has to remain in force for 12 months. In the metropolitan district a shopkeeper can alter his day of closing after the expiration of three months. Probably an amendment will be introduced which will put the town and country shopkeepers upon the same footing. The restaurant-keepers have a grievance. Waitresses and others have to take their half-holiday each week from 1 o'clock. That is the most busy time of the refreshment-house keeper. It has been suggested that the hour should be made 2 o'clock, or a whole day given once a fortnight. Probably an amendment in one of these directions will be proposed. Butchers in the country, where the half-holiday comes on a Saturday afternoon, want to know from the department how they are to be expected to supply people with "fresh meat" for Sunday's dinner. It is pointed out that "cool chambers" such as the butchers in the metropolis have are practically an unknown quantity in many country districts. The butchers wish to learn why they cannot be allowed to close on a Wednesday afternoon. The answer of the department is that the law at present requires all trades in a given municipality to close on the one day. Very likely the law in this respect will soon be altered. Members of the Jewish persuasion recently complained to the Minister that if they observed their religion, which compelled them to cease from business from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday, they were debarred from obtaining a "long day," no matter whether they close Wednesday or Saturday for their half-holiday. If they selected Wednesday for the "off day" they would lose Wednesday afternoon. If they kept open on Wednesday and closed on Saturday they would, owing to their religion, lose the privilege of keeping open late on Friday night. The fact is this disability on the part of the Jews was overlooked when the bill was before Parliament. The matter may be remedied next session.

There are also a number of other points which will require amendment, and careful note of these is being made by the officers of the department.

There will, it may be stated, shortly be issued "An Epitome of the Early Closing Act, with notes." This is for the guidance of shopkeepers. Advance proofs, handed to a reporter of the "Herald" by the Minister for Labour, show that the work is very complete. A useful summary of the Act has been prepared in such a manner that "he who runs may read." The most difficult points are lucidly explained, and a great deal of valuable information is given.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF INSPECTORS.

The duties of inspectors appointed under this Act are summarised as follows:—

To see that all shops are closed at the hours appointed for closing, subject to any time of grace that may be allowed.

To see that all half-holidays chosen, deemed to be chosen, or proclaimed, as the case may be, are duly observed.

To see that the following notices and records are kept, and where so required are posted in some conspicuous place in the respective shops to which they refer:—

(a) The notice of the weekly half-holiday. (b) The notice in hairdressers' shops of the late night chosen. (c) The record of extra hours. (d) Any other record that may be prescribed by regulation.

To examine the record of extra hours, see that it is duly certified, and that the number of days and hours are not exceeded for the half-year.

To ascertain that in schedule shops the statutory limit of employment is not exceeded with regard to any assistant, and that he or she receives a weekly half-holiday.

To ascertain if butchers', milk vendors', and bakers' carters receive the half-holiday and holiday respectively required to be granted to them.

To see that the provisions of the Act in all other respects are observed, and to furnish information respecting their observance.

To enable them to effectually carry out these and such other duties as are prescribed by the Act or may from time to time be imposed upon them by regulation, each inspector will be furnished with a certificate, and on production of such certificate may exercise any or all of the following powers:—(a) Enter at any reasonable hour any shop or any place which he has reason to believe is used as a shop; (b) Make such inquiries as he thinks necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act have been complied with; and for that purpose ask questions of any shopkeeper or any person acting or apparently acting in the management of a shop or employed in or about a shop, and require him to truthfully answer such question; and (c) Exercise such powers as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Wilful obstruction of an inspector, or non-compliance with his lawful demand, is punishable as an offence.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

All informations for offences against the Act or for breaches of regulations shall be laid within one month from the commission of the offence or breach, and shall be heard and determined in a summary way by a Court of Petty Sessions.

An appeal shall lie from any conviction for any such offence or breach.

If any shop situate within any shopping district is not closed and kept closed for the remainder of the day at and after the closing time fixed, chosen, or deemed to be chosen for such day in respect of such shop by or under this Part I. of the Act, or if in any shop and goods are offered for sale after the said time, the shopkeeper of the shop and any person acting, or apparently acting, in the management of the shop shall be guilty of an offence against the Act. This must be read in connection with the proviso as to the half-hour's grace allowed to shops not being schedule shops.

Proof that any time a shop assistant is in a shop shall be prima facie evidence that the said time he was employed in the shop by such shopkeeper or person.

"Close" means close to the admission of the public for purposes of trade, and "employ" means employ in any way or in any kind of work. "Week-day" means any day of the week except Sunday.

Section 7 of the Act provides for the exemption of the shopkeeper from penalty upon proof of another being the real offender.

DECISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The following decisions have been come to by the department:—

Auctioneers.—Auctioneers who sell furniture or other goods are shopkeepers, and the auction mart is a shop. Auctioneers of real estate, stock, and the like do not come within the provisions of the Act.

Bootmakers.—If the business is confined entirely to cobbling or boot repairing it will not come under the operation of the Act.

Chemists and Druggists.—The merely incidental sale of articles comprised in a chemist's or druggist's shop does not entitle such shop to the privilege of selling these articles up to 9 p.m. A chemist, on the other hand, may not sell till the later hour fancy goods or articles which are the usual stock of shops closing at an earlier hour.

Close.—If a building is occupied for the sale of goods any inducement to the public, as by keeping the shop open fully lit to inspect such articles, even though no sale is intended at that particular time, would be doing something for the purpose of trade. Section 7 of the Act imposes a penalty for each of the following offences:—(1) Not closing at the time fixed, &c.; (2) not keeping closed after the time fixed, &c.; (3) offering goods for sale after the time fixed, &c.

Confectionery.—Is applied to sugar goods, such as lollies and crystallised fruits, and the business of a confectioner is regarded as inclusive of the sale of pastry.

Cooked Provisions.—Cooked provisions are held to include cooked meats, sausages, meat pies, and similar goods, but not to include bread, tinned foods, pickles, sauces, and like stock usually sold by grocers.

Creameries.—Creameries are not shops.

Dyers and Cleaners.—Where only dyeing, cleaning, and repairing are carried on, the premises are not regarded as a shop.

Factory.—A factory is distinguished from a shop by the test of whether the business in the former case is wholly or mainly that of manufacture, the sale being to wholesale or retail shops for re-sale to the public. Aerated water factories, soap and candle works are instances in point.

Family.—The fact that the business of a shop is carried on entirely by members of a family does not relieve such shop from observance of any of the provisions of the Act.

Flower Shop.—Business must be confined to the sale of flowers, pot plants.

Hairdressers.—May sell oils, soaps, perfumes, hair brushes, razor strops, and other usual articles of sale in connection with their business up to 7.30 p.m., but not after.

Holiday, Public.—The fact that a public or bank holiday occurs in any week and is kept by him, does not relieve the shopkeeper from observance of the usual weekly half-holiday. Except on the eve of Christmas and New Year the observance of a public or bank holiday does not entitle a shopkeeper to remain open till a later hour on the evening immediately preceding such holiday. The Act places no obligation on shopkeepers to observe public or bank holidays.

Hotel.—The Act applies to the assistants, male and female, in the bar, and the waiters and other assistants in any public dining-room or restaurant in connection with the hotel, but not to the household servants.

Milk.—Is regarded as part of the stock-in-trade of a refreshment shop, may be sold up to midnight, and for consumption on or off the premises.

Milk Delivery Cart.—Milk delivery cart supplying regular or even occasional customers who purchase varying quantities from the driver of the cart are not shops.

News Agents' Shops.—The business carried on in connection with a news agent's shop is held to include agency in connection with any newspaper or newspapers, the sale of any publication which consists wholly or principally of political or other news or other articles relating thereto, or to other current topics with or without advertisements. It includes the sale of magazines and journals, illustrated or otherwise, and periodical literature generally. It does not include the sale of books, stationery, or other goods, the sale of which is not allowed after an earlier closing hour.

Open.—The Early Closing Act contains no restriction as to the hour at which any shop may be opened in the morning.

Partition.—The words "substantial partition" do not necessarily mean that the shop itself shall be divided into two or more portions, but the Act will be satisfied if the prohibited goods are enclosed in such a way that a bona fide effort has been made to comply with the provisions of the Act. Shutters of timber or metal, blinds, or structures of a like nature, would be sufficient if securely fastened.

Pawnbrokers' Business.—There is a distinction in the Act between the parts of a pawnbroker's business, viz., the selling of goods and the taking of pledges. The Early Closing Act applies to the whole business of a pawnbroker, and section 27 of the Pawnbrokers Act is impliedly repealed.

Railway Bookstalls, &c.—A bookstall to entitle it to the exemption contained in section 23 must be a bookstall on some railway platform. Employees in railway refreshment-rooms and bookstalls are entitled to a weekly half-holiday, and hours are limited to 60 per week.

Refreshment Shop.—This is held to mean a shop for the sale of refreshments to be partaken upon the premises; but the sale of milk, soft drinks, and pastry for consumption off the premises is allowable.

Restaurants.—The shop assistants in a restaurant are the waiters and waitresses and others connected with the sale of food in the shop, but do not include employees, such as cooks, who are wholly concerned with the preparation of food in the kitchen.

Stamps.—No restriction is placed on the sale of stamps.

Sunday Closing.—Dealt with under 29 Car. II. c. 7, which enacts "that no tradesmen, artificers, workmen, labourers, or other person whatsoever, shall do or exercise any worldly labour, business, or work of their ordinary callings upon the Lord's Day or any part thereof (works of necessity and charity only excepted)." Also "that no person or persons whatsoever shall publicly cry, show forth, or expose to sale, any wares, merchandise, fruit, herbs, goods or chattels whatsoever upon the Lord's Day or any part thereof, upon pain that every person so offending shall forfeit the same goods so cried or showed forth or exposed for sale."

The Early Closing Act does not deal with the question of Sunday closing.

Tobacconist.—A tobacconist's shop is a shop in which tobacco in various forms, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and smokers' requisites generally, are sold. It does not include the sale of walking-sticks, fishing-lines, razors, and so on.

Tram Bookstalls.—Are not within the exemption contained in section 23.

Undertakers.—The assistants in an undertaker's shop are the persons who are engaged on the premises making the articles offered for sale. Employees whose duties are confined wholly to the driving of hearses, the superintendence of interments, &c., do not come within the category of shop assistants.

Week.—Sixty hours in any week (see section 9 (1)) refers to the ordinary week, including Sunday.

Wholesale Houses.—The provisions of the Act are made applicable to wholesale houses by the following words: "Building," &c., &c., "in which goods are offered or exposed for sale." In the bill as introduced the words "by retail" followed, and by their omission on amendment the scope of the measure was extended to wholesale as well as retail houses. There is no specific reference to "wholesale" or "retail" shops in any part of the Act, both being treated on the same basis.

Wine.—The sale of colonial wine is regulated by the Licensing Act. Wine shops must close at 11 p.m.; but an oyster or refreshment shop, a restaurant, or eating-house is not precluded from keeping open till midnight by reason only that the occupier is the holder of a wine license.

Wood and Coal Yards.—These are not regarded as shops.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN REFORM LEAGUE.

The Sydney and Suburban Reform League has issued a letter in which it appeals for the amendment of the Early Closing Act. This letter states:—"Already dire disaster is following, and a gloomy future is presented to thousands of persons who, prior to this enactment, were enabled to provide a livelihood for themselves and those dependent on them by their own praiseworthy perseverance and industry. In more prominent mercantile circles than those alluded to a reduction of wages and an increase in the hours of labour has followed as the first fruits of the Act, whilst properties have decreased in value proportionately with the decline in rentals. Reasonable hours for the assistants is a reform heartily endorsed by this league, and one which the members desire to see extended beyond the limits of the present Act, but they reserve for the employer the right of specifying at what particular hours the assistants (for which he pays) shall be engaged, on the broad grounds—firstly, of liberty, and secondly of public convenience—since business of any kind is wholly dependent on public patronage, and can only thrive and become an avenue of employment when it is so directed as to accord with the requirements of the inhabitants or frequenters of the locality in which it is situated. In other words, the proprietor of any business is merely an agent of the public at large, and ceases to exist when his services are no longer requisite."

The league addressed a letter to Mr. B. R. Wise, asking if he were in favour of amending the Early Closing Act in the following way:—1. That the clause limiting the selling hours be deleted in order to secure freedom of trade? 2. To make it illegal for a shopkeeper to employ any assistants longer than 54 hours per week, exclusive of the half-holiday. Mr. Wise replied:—I have seen your note written as secretary to the Sydney and Suburban Reform League, inquiring whether I will vote to amend the Early Closing Act by deleting the clause limiting the selling hours. To this inquiry I reply in the negative. If the Early Closing Act is to be effective it must provide for early closing, and any clause which permits shops to keep open late will defeat the object of the Act. I shall always be found opposing any such reactionary legislation. As to your second request, to limit the hours of labour to 54 hours per week, I am of opinion that the present law should be given a fair trial, and I am satisfied that the shop assistants, the majority of shops, and general public prefer the law as it stands to the so-called "reforms" which your league advocates.

A meeting of hotel, club, and restaurant employees was held at the Temperance Hall last evening, under the presidency of Mr. T. R. Bavin, secretary of the Toynbee Guild. The object of the meeting was expressed in resolutions put to the meeting:—"1. That this meeting of hotel, club, and restaurant employees urges upon the Minister for Labour and Industry to so amend the Early Closing Act as to include all persons employed in hotels, clubs, and restaurants." "2. To further this object and to strengthen the hands of the Minister for Labour and Industry it is desirable to form a union of the hotel, club, and restaurant employees." Speeches were made by the chairman and Mr. Hughes, supporting the objects of the meeting. It was urged that much had been done by the Act, but it was desirable that its provisions be extended to reach that class whose working hours numbered eighty to one hundred per week. Amid considerable enthusiasm cheers were given for Mr. Hughes.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of this association was held last night at the rooms of the United Service Institution, Chancery-square. Lieutenant-Colonel Longfield (chairman) presided, and there was a good attendance of members.

The thirty-ninth annual report, prepared by the chairman, contained the following remarks:—

"The thirty-ninth annual prize meeting was held at the Randwick Rifle Range in the week which ended November 11, last, and although the entries for the various matches did not come up to expectations, the meeting may fairly be entitled to rank among the many successful prize meetings of the Association. Various causes contributed to an undue falling-off in the entries as compared with 1898. Many rifle club men who would otherwise have entered were deterred from doing so by not being able to obtain a ·303 rifle, the number lent to the Association by the military authorities, viz., 150, being altogether inadequate, and the despatch of a contingent from the New South Wales Military Forces to South Africa, also reduced the number of entries. Considerable changes were made in the programme as compared with former years, the most noticeable being the conditions of the Queen's, which was on somewhat similar lines to the match of that name at Bisley, but with prizes, relatively, on a much more liberal scale. This innovation appears to have been unpopular with a large number of riflemen, and it is somewhat hard to understand why this alteration should have caused so much dissatisfaction among riflemen who would undoubtedly consider it a red letter day in their shooting history if they were privileged to compete in the 'Queens' at Bisley. Your Council regrets that its effort to bring the match referred to into line with the conditions of the principal match of the Premier Rifle Association in the world has not been more generously appreciated by the riflemen of New South Wales. The shooting in the various matches was of a very high order." During the year the Northern and Western Rifle Associations and 34 rifle clubs affiliated. Reference was made to the abandonment of the United Australian rifle team to Bisley this year, owing to the war in South Africa. The report then went to say: "The war now being carried on in South Africa has brought into prominence the necessity of skill in rifle shooting on the part of the individual soldier, and there can be little doubt but that in the future it will be necessary that a man to be an effective and efficient soldier must be a 'good shot,' which was made a sine qua non in the case of the contingent recently despatched to the seat of war, as laid down by the war authorities in England (vide Mr. Chamberlain's cable accepting the service of the contingent). It will be noted that the men who volunteered for this contingent were tested by individual shooting at an ordinary target at known distances. It may, therefore, fairly be claimed that the modus operandi which has been followed by this association since its formation is the correct one, and your council is convinced that it will in the future be more fully recognised, that in encouraging men to become expert shots, the association is rendering valuable assistance to the defence forces of the colony."

The balance-sheet, prepared by Mr. George Douglas (hon. treasurer) showed that the revenue for 1899 was £3307 10s 6d, including the Government subsidy of £1000; entrance fees, £1497; subscriptions, £215; donations, £62; sighting tickets, £556; whilst the expenditure was £3207 5s 11d, the principal items being prizes, medals, and trophies, £2494; expenses of annual rifle meeting, £415; advertising and printing, 134; salaries, rent, &c., £164. The credit balance 12 months ago was £587 17s 5d, now it was £688 2s.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet. The association was in a good financial position, and in point of income and value of the prizes given it was the second largest rifle association in the British Empire. The association was doing good and beneficial work as it applied to the defences of the colony. Skilled shooting was destined to play a very important part in the warfare of the future. It was recognised now that a soldier must be able, in addition to being drilled and disciplined, to use with effect and skill the weapon placed in his hands. (Hear, hear.)

Colonel Roberts, C.M.G., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, the officer commanding the New South Wales military forces; senior vice-president, Colonel Roberts, C.M.G.; vice-presidents, Captain Hixson, V.D.N.B., Colonel Goodlet, Colonel W. H. Holborow, C.M.G., Colonel Mackenzie, Colonel Smith, Colonel Farrell, Lieutenant-Colonels G. W. Waddell, Airey, D.S.O., Strong, V.D., Longfield, V.D., Walker, V.D., Lassetter, Parrott, Burns, Onslow, and A. Weekes, Commanders Lindeman, Bosanquet, and Connor, Majors Thom, Oldershaw, and Murray, Lieutenant Newmarch, Sir James R. Fairfax, Hon. H. C. Dangar, M.L.C., Messrs. A. Bennett, F. C. Brewer, John Cooper, John Harris, J. G. Ross, F. H. Dangar, and Dr. Ward.

For the 11 vacancies in the council the following were elected:—Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. George Douglass, Major Oldershaw, Major H. H. Honey, C.P.O. A. Dunn, Major A. Fraser, Sub-Lieutenant A. F. Stephens, Mr. H. E. Mills, Mr. H. Dakin, Mr. James Sharp, and Commander Connor.

Mr. E. J. Brown moved—"That in all competitions under the association's auspices this year the rifles used shall be those in general use by the military forces in the different colonies." The point of the motion, Mr. Brown said, was to debar valuable private weapons being used in competitions against those supplied by the Government. Major Oldershaw seconded, as it was a discouragement, and unfair to junior shots who could only get a service rifle, and were not allowed to have a handicap.

Some debate followed, but the motion was carried by a large majority.

Major Oldershaw moved, and it was carried, that the hearty thanks of the association be tendered to the donors of special and continuous prizes during the past year.

Lieutenant-Colonel Longfield moved, Lieutenant-Colonel Walker seconded, and it was unanimously carried amidst cheering, that the sum of £25 be voted to the New South Wales Patriotic Fund and £25 to the Australian Bushmen's Fund.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

An enjoyable musical evening was held by the Granville Musical Union on Tuesday, when the new piano purchased by the society was opened. Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., presided, and congratulated the union on the success it had achieved. He then opened the piano with a golden key, which he promised to retain as a memento of the occasion. An excellent programme was then gone through, Mr. S. A. Kenny, Miss Rose, Miss Foster, Miss Elsie, Mrs. Noakes, Mrs. Newling, Mrs. Saunders, Messrs. Robilliard, Haslewood, Bate, Betts, Leadbeater (2), and Bingham rendering items. The members of the union also sang some choruses.

The annual meeting of the Newington Progress Association was held on Monday evening, the president (Mr. White) occupying the chair. The annual report gave a resume of the year's transactions, showing that many matters of interest to the inhabitants had been attended to. It was resolved to ask Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., to see the Minister for Works in reference to the reinstatement of the old Government wharf, at the junction of Beaconsfield and Junction streets, so that it might be used when dredging operations were commenced. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. White; vice-president, Mr. W. Picken; secretary, Mr. H. Pritchard; treasurer, Mr. S. Hill. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. John Nobbs for his efforts in getting the dredging of Duck River started; also for other valuable services to the association.

The Parramatta Progress Association is using every endeavour to have technical classes established in Parramatta. There are quite a number of students who even go from Parramatta to the Sydney Technical College. On Tuesday evening the association called a meeting of students with a view to ascertaining what classes would suit the greatest number, and eventually it was decided to enroll names for several classes—notably for agriculture, drawing, shorthand, and cookery—and if the lists fill up satisfactorily the Department will then be asked to provide teachers and accommodation.

A missionary meeting in connection with the Gleaners' Union was held in St. John's schoolroom, Parramatta, on Tuesday evening, the Venerable Archdeacon Gunther presiding. Mr. Doulton, a South African missionary, gave an interesting address in regard to his mission work in German East Africa. Miss Minnie Harper, the secretary of the union, read the report for the half year, and also read an address of welcome from the union to Mr. Doulton.

At the Parramatta Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, P.M., John Chisholm was fined 20s or seven days for drunkenness; and John Hinsch, proprietor of the Town and Country Hotel, on a charge of supplying liquor to other than travellers on Sunday, January 21, was fined 20s and 5s 6d costs of court.

WATERMELON FAMINE IN MELBOURNE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Why does not some enterprising Sydney fruit merchant send us regular shipments of watermelons? Melbourne is athirst for them. It is a curious fact that it is simply impossible to purchase these melons here, except at a prohibitive price, until the early days of autumn. To-day it is 108° in the shade, a dry baking heat, with the sun like a ball of copper glaring out of a brazen sky; a day when all nature cries aloud for cooling drinks, and when a pink crisp chunk of watermelon would be as ambrosia and nectar to the gods. Qui a bu boira. I am, &c., NAHUM BARNET.
Melbourne, January 28.

QUEENSLAND NEWSPAPER RATES.
The Sydney Mail will be despatched from the Sydney Mail Office each week regularly for the sum of £1 7s 6d per annum prepaid, £1 6s 3d booked. The Sydney Mail is acknowledged the best weekly illustrated newspaper in Australasia. Please address Publishing Office, Pitt, Hunter, and O'Connell streets, Sydney, N.S.W.—Advt.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Bega District Hospital was held to-day. The officers for the year are:—President, C. T. Stiles; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Atkinson and E. J. Pell; trustees, Messrs. J. Darcy, jun., G. P. Kerrison, and W. Hasliggden; auditors, Messrs. F. J. Filmer and F. F. Cowdroy; committee, Messrs. Jackson, Bathgate, Blomfield, Otton, Brooks, Lee, Hanscombe, Jardine, Scott, Bateman, Ritchie, and the Rev. M. Kirkpatrick. The hospital has £200 on fixed deposit towards a permanent endowment; also, £552 in Government Savings Bank to the credit of the general account.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The annual hospital meeting was held yesterday. Last year 248 patients were treated. The receipts were £1162, and the expenditure £1083; £1100 is at fixed deposit, and the credit balance for the current account is £134 10s.

MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The adjourned annual meeting of the hospital subscribers was held to-day, and the treasurer presented the balance-sheet for the past year. The income totalled £1858 6s 7d. The expenditure was £1526 11s 5d, leaving a credit balance to be carried forward of £332 6s 7d. The balance-sheet was adopted. The following were elected as committeemen for the current year:—Messrs. T. Pearse, J. W. Birkenhead, N. D. Cohen, R. W. Thompson, J. Gillies, W. Taylor, E. Bowden, T. Goodyer, W. H. Mullen, A. A. Wall, A. Cobb, R. Ross, N. Black, and Dr. R. G. Alcorn.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the local hospital was held in the School of Arts last night, when the Rev. Dr. Laing, in the absence of the president (Mr. R. T. Keys), occupied the chair. The report showed that 117 patients had been treated during the year, and out of that number 80 were discharged cured, there were four deaths, and the remainder had been relieved. The income during the year amounted to £760, and there was a credit balance in hand to the amount of £235. Mr. R. T. Keys was re-elected president; Archdeacon White, Dr. Laing, vice-presidents; Mr. T. J. Haydon, hon. treasurer; Mr. W. B. Adams, hon. secretary; and the following members of committee, Messrs. J. C. White, J. W. Humphries, E. C. Brecht, J. E. M'Intyre, C. H. Cox, H. H. Cox, E. R. White, C. E. Doyle, J. J. Kingsmill, F. Budden, P. Healy, J. C. Luscombe.

TEMORA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Temora Hospital was held last night. There was a large attendance. Mr. Maurice Lazarus was elected president unopposed for the ninth time.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Wagga District Hospital was held to-night, and was largely attended. Mr. J. J. M'Grath, the president, was in the chair. The annual report showed that 522 cases had been treated during the year, being the largest number yet recorded. Subscriptions and donations amounted to £472. The total revenue from all sources amounted to £1215, and the expenditure for the year to £1213, which showed a considerable reduction. Useful improvements had been carried out, including the addition of a new X Rays room. The committee of inquiry, which had held sittings, had suggested several useful improvements in the management of the institution. The report was adopted.

YOUNG, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Burrangong Hospital was held last night in the Town Hall. The balance-sheet was satisfactory, showing a bank balance of £258 11s on deposit and £1387 6s on fixed deposit. Mr. James Gordon was re-elected president; Mr. Allan Campell, vice-president; Messrs. Burstall, Collins, Hill, Clancy, Spark, Westcott, and Curnow, committee.

The Sydney Technical College Association held a successful conversazione on Monday evening. Mr. G. H. Hooper (Registrar of the College) presided, and upwards of 250 members and their friends were present. The visitors included Mr. G. H. Maiden (ex-superintendent) and Mrs. Maiden, Mr. Ross (resident master of the Bathurst Technical College), Messrs. Fred. Wright, J. R. Wright, P. W. Johnson, Henry Lord, Madam King, and also representatives from the Granville Technical Student Association. An enjoyable and varied musical programme was given during the evening, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed:—Miss Wellesley, Miss Sussmilch, Mr. E. Sussmilch, Mr. Tremaine, Mr. C. A. Sussmilch, and Mr. C. Toms. Mr. E. J. Massey acted as accompanist.

LA GRIPPE AND ITS HERITAGE.

RESULTING LIVER TROUBLE RADICALLY CURED.

THE CASE OF MR. HARRY SAMUELS.

(From the "Suburban Times.")
(By Our Special Reporter.)

Ivy-lane runs from Cleveland to Abercrombie street, Redfern, Sydney (Mr. Samuels has since removed to 6 Louis-street), and the other day our reporter might have been seen making his way up that thoroughfare till he arrived at a certain house, whereat he knocked.

"Does Mr. Samuels live here?" asked the newspaper man.

"I am he," replied the gentleman who had opened the door; and Mr. Samuels hospitably invited our reporter to come in and be seated.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Samuels, referring to his late illness, "but that I was very dangerously ill. People may say what they like about la grippe, or influenza, as it is often called, not being much worse than a bad cold, but I know very different. I was unfortunate enough to catch la grippe, and was at once prostrated. An overpowering sense of weariness and heaviness lay upon me. Appetite was absolutely absent, and when I ate the food had no taste to me. Intense frontal headaches seized upon me, and soon racking pains laid hold of me in every limb, and it wasn't long before the pain had spread to all portions of my body. Running from the mouth and nose set in. I became very feverish, my temperature going up steadily all the time, and, although I couldn't eat, I was forced to drink large quantities of water to satisfy my intense thirst. I was obliged to lie up in bed. I couldn't sleep, but lay the whole night through in a sort of doze, very often breaking out in a cold, clammy sweat."

"That's usual in la grippe, Mr. Samuels."

"Yes. By-and-bye I, as I thought, began to slowly recover. The fever gradually abated, a slight appetite made its appearance, and although weak, I was just able to get out. But I was deceived. I was far from being well. The influenza had, indeed, gone, but it had left behind it something worse than itself. Again a heavy feeling crept over me; again my head was tortured with pain; and again I got pains in my body; but this time the agony was centred between my shoulders, in my side, and across the loins. I was thoroughly alarmed. I saw the doctor; he examined me, and pronounced my illness to be a derangement of the liver and kidneys—a result of the influenza. He gave me some medicine, which, of course, I took, but I grew no better; and to complicate things and make them worse, rheumatism settled in my bones and fairly crippled me."

"What were the pains in the back like?"

"Excruciating. I can't find words to tell you how bad they were. Sometimes it felt as if so many knives were tearing at my flesh. It was so awful at night—then it always hurt me most—that what little sleep I did obtain, I only got in a sitting posture. It was impossible for me to lie down in bed. In fact it was as much as I could do to move at all. My tongue was covered with a thick coating of some substance, which was very unpleasant to the taste and smell. My skin got of a deadly yellow colour. My sight was disturbed, and my limbs and head hung like useless weights upon the bed. I was terribly thin and weak, and generally in an awful state."

"What medicines did you take?"

"After having tried doctors' medicines without avail, and many other advertised pills and medicines, information reached me about Clements Tonic, and I made a trial of some."

"The result was?"

"I'm not exaggerating in the least when I say that one bottle of that remedy effected a change in me that astonished the neighbours and all my friends. They all had expected to see me months getting better, and here I was knocking about again in a week or so as though I had never been ill. I obtained this result by regularly taking Clements Tonic, and it soon cured my liver and kidney trouble. That remedy also gave me a grand appetite, and drove the rheumatism clean out of my bones. After I had taken five bottles I was in splendid health, and had no need to take more. I am in perfect health now, and you can refer anyone to me for an opinion of Clements Tonic, and print what I have said to you as much as and in any way you like."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Harry Samuels, of Redfern, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios, and consecutively numbered from one to four, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Harry Samuels

Declared at Sydney this 3rd day of September 1898, before me,

THOS. JNO. DUNN, J.P.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.
Some imitate our name. Some copy our label. And some plagiarise our advertisements. In fact, we are followed in everything but in the curative properties and therapeutic value of Clements Tonic. The imposition is barefaced and palpable enough for a dunce to see through, and needs but little comment from us. Every genuine article has to face such practices. A host of base imitations always follows in the wake of every genuine article ...

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—January 31.

Archer, 604 tons, Captain Cargill, from South Sea Islands. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Duval and 3 children, Miss Logan and 2 native servants, Capt. Kooch, and Fathers Fey and Limbroke, Messrs. Doudney, M'Donagh, Parkhouse, Rasmussen, Johansen, and J. Moremer. Pacific Islands Company, agents.

Electra, s., 398 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River January 30. Passengers—Mesdames Murray, Sharpe, Baker, Bailey, Davis, Quilty, O'Connor, Browne, Lalor, Wilson, Misses Daley, Johnson, Wilson, Masters Wynne (2), Maroney, Browne, Messrs. D. Sharpe, H. Baker, J. Baxter, E. Murray, S. J. Booker, J. P. Evans, J. Wakartt, G. Betts, S. H. Graves, C. G. Larkin, E. M. Larkin, A. G. Ascher, M. Boyle, J. Rattenbury, C. Bowers, J. A. Harding, G. James, Rev. Canon Dalton, and 17 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wollumbin, s., 231 tons, Captain J. Pearson, from Tweed River. G. W. Nicoll, agent.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Paroo, s., 2671 tons, Captain J. B. S. Medley, from Western Australia, via Adelaide and Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—January 31.

Monkbarns, ship, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle.
Bucephalus, s., for Java and Singapore, via Newcastle and Melbourne.
Coolgardie, s., for Fremantle, via ports.
Arawatta, s., for Melbourne.
Elingamite, s., for Auckland.
Werfa, s., for Noumea.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 1.

Futami Maru, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports; Yeabel, s., for Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides, Banks, and Santa Cruz Islands; Electra, s., for Richmond River; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers for Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Tathra, and Pambula; Namoi, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—January 31.

Arawatta, s., 2113 tons, Captain M. M. Osborne, for Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. J. H. Stearns, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Rooke, Mrs. Bunzin, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Morton and child, Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Stongie, Mrs. M'Killoch, Misses Priest, Randall, Tucker, Manghan, Afkin, Stami, Taylor, Thorpe, F. M. Cleaves, A. E. Cleaves, F. Shaw, Captain Whitney, Messrs. A. M'Donald, S. M'Donald, A. A. M'Leod, F. Lush, A. Roberts, M. R. Smith, J. A. Smith, P. Regan, J. Harris, S. Evans, George Hawkins, Wackett, W. H. Eyers, Lightbody, A. Rattray, J. M. Honeybone, H. Leonard, G. J. Creepin, Astley, C. V. Campbell, Waters, M'Kilop, J. Lynch, H. J. Backnell, P. R. Kaiser, Brangan, E. D. Cunningham, W. H. Hardy, Masters Roy Leigh, Stongie, Harris, Eyres, and 47 in the steerage.

Elingamite, s., 2575 tons, Captain W. Waller, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames P. Robertson, Purchase and child, Jasprizam, Jackson and 2 children, Helmsley, Charles, Cato, D. Moran, Elmslie, Misses Bow (2), Moran, Massey, S. Hooper, Foy, T. Thompson, Glendinning, A. Goods, Dr. Purchase, Dr. O'Reilly, Messrs. P. T. Smith, R. Noble, R. Green, W. Fairweather, A. L. Hearne, W. Jagger, Robertson, Cato, R. Moran, R. Hood, R. P. Crawford, G. B. Sheridan, T. Horsley, J. W. Harpur, R. L. Elliott, M. Meagher, F. Aengenheyster, R. Garraway, Garraway, jun., W. Blaker, R. Starr, A. B. Mourant, F. O'Brien, A. Withers, S. Blythe, J. G. d'Alpuget, F. J. Ryan, and 35 in the steerage.

Coolgardie, s., 2542 tons, Captain C. G. Nightingall, for Fremantle, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. G. Thomas and infant, Mrs. Lawton and 2 children, Mrs. A. Browne, Mrs. Creel, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. J. M'Colloch, Mrs. Mooney and child, Miss Ambrose, Miss Torode, Miss Tress, Miss Whelan, Miss G. Rosenthal, Miss Kate Mooney, Rev. M. Watson, Rev. T. Ryan, Mr. G. Thomas, Mr. F. W. Legge, Mr. W. A. Robins, Mr. J. Boyle, Mr. R. S. Henry, Mr. F. Buchanan, Mr. J. M'Call, Mr. S. Dutton Green, Mr. E. J. Rigby, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. F. H. Williamson, and 30 in the steerage.

Bucephalus, s., 1818 tons, Captain F. Bell, for Java and Singapore, via Newcastle and Melbourne.

Aberystwith Castle, barque, 1056 tons, Captain D. Davies, for Shanghai.

Werfa, s., 935 tons, Captain C. M'Coor, for Noumea.

Monkbarns, ship, 1771 tons, Captain J. M'Neeley, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—January 31.

Dewdrop, ketch, Captain T. Potts, for Lord Howe Island; Phil Forbes, ketch, Captain A. Anderson, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—January 31.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Archer, s., from South Sea Islands: 350 tons copra, 4 cases curios, and sundries.

Wollumbin, s., from Tweed River, via Woolgoolga: 14 pine logs, 200 empty casks, 12 pigs, 22 bags maize, 50,000ft. sawn timber, and sundries.

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 23 bags bones, 8 bags oysters, 5 cases bacon, 6 bales millet, 2 calves, 16 cases eggs, 4 cases honey, 10 cases fish, 3 casks tallow, 4 coops poultry, 1 horse, 51 hides, 891 boxes butter, 8000ft. boxwood, 919 pieces cedar, 11 pigs, 22 tins lard, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—January 31.

Bucephalus, s., for Java and Singapore: 50 tons manure, 5 tons flour, 8 cases provisions, and sundries.

Aberystwith Castle, barque, for Shanghai: 1589 tons coal.

Elingamite, s., for Auckland: 22 bales kapok, 6 bundles bags, 600 bags salt, 4 casks vinegar, 5 bags spokes, 11 bales caper, 20 cases champagne, 10 cases brandy, 10 cases glucose, 15 cases gin, 50 cases whisky, 6 crates bicycles, 45 boxes dates, 25 cases herrings, 17 packages periodicals, 904 cases schnapps, 5 drums potash, 260 bags sugar, 40 cases bullets, 7 rolls lead, 150 bags onions, 10 cases wine, 27 girders, 13 bales cotton, 8 cases boots, 67 cases currants, 41 cases claret, 11 cases wine, 100 cases raisins, 103 cases wax, 25 cases mantels, 20 packages rope, 25 cases ammonia, 50 bales cornsacks, 6 casks axle-grease, 25 cases evaporated fruits, 4 cases horseshoe nails, 725 pieces timber, 290 packages tea, 1050 bags bonedust, 418 bags bottles, 990 packages sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: January 31, Dawn, s., from Bundaberg; Eurimbla, s., from Rockhampton. Departures: January 31, Eurimbla, s., for Sydney; Leura, s., for Melbourne; Lady Musgrave, s., for Bundaberg.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: January 31, Karaweera, s., from Cairns; Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane. Departure: January 31, Julia Percy, s., for Rockhampton.

BUNDABERG.—Arrival: January 31, Kooowarra, s., from Rockhampton. Departure: January 31, Kooowarra, s., for Sydney.

GLADSTONE.—Arrival: January 31, Barcoo, s., from Townsville. Departure: January 31, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: January 30, Duke of Devonshire, s., for London.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: January 31, Aramac, s., from Sydney. Departure: January 31, Aramac, s., for Cooktown.

CAIRNS.—Arrival: January 31, Allinga, from Brisbane. Departure: January 31, Allinga, s., for Sydney.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: January 31, Taiyuan, s., from Hongkong. Departure: January 31, Taiyuan, s., for Melbourne.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: January 31, Sophia Ann, s., Barrumbeet, s., Oakland, s., Koonya, s., Namoi, s., Excelsior, s., Vailele, Annie Bow, Countess of Errol, Advance, Isabelle, schooners, Firth of Clyde, Fanny Fisher, barques, from Sydney. Departures: January 31, Lena and Lilian, ketch, for Port Stephens; Moorabool, s., for Adelaide, with 3950 tons coal, 350 tons coke; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay; Oakland, s., for the Richmond River; Eva, ketch, for Port Macquarie; Easby, s., for Melbourne, with 1800 tons coal; Koonya, s., for Devonport, via Kembla, with 800 tons coal; Sophia Ann, s., Namoi, s., Prospero, brig, Countess of Errol, schooner, for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: January 31, Polynesien, s., from Marseilles; Ormuz, R.M.S., from London; Pateena, s., from Launceston; Mariner, schooner, from Marion Bay; Orient, barque, from Fredrickstadt. Departures: January 31, Kintuck, s., for London, via Dunkirk; Urania, barque, and Vimiera, barque, for the Channel; Helen Nicoll, s., for Devonport; Chatham, for South Africa; Eulo, s., for Dunkirk; Penguin, s., for Hobart; Anglian, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Polynesien, s., and Undine, s., for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: January 31, Solvig, barque, from Natal. Departure: January 31, Buninyong, s., for Fremantle.

PORT PIRIE.—Departures: January 31, Era, s., Andania, s., for Sydney.

ALBANY.—Departures: January 30, Maori King, s., for the Cape; Langton Grange, s., for Sydney. January 31, Ville de la Ciotat, s., for Colombo; Egremont Castle, s., for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: January 31, Augusta, s., at 9.15 a.m., for Sydney.

RICHMOND: Arrival: January 31, St. George at 5 p.m. Passed: January 31, Augusta at 2.25 p.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: January 31, Kallatina, s., at 10.35 a.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: January 31, Adelaide, s., at 12.30 p.m., north; Friendship at 6.30 p.m., south; Wodonga at 6.30 p.m., north; Burwah at 6.30 p.m., north.

NAMBUCCA.—Passed: January 31, Friendship at 11.30 a.m., north.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: January 31, Euroka at 3 p.m. Departure: January 31, President, s., at 8.40 a.m. for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY.—Arrival: January 31, Euroka, s., at 1.30 p.m., from Bellinger River.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: January 31, Friendship, s., at 7 a.m., Wodonga, s., at 2.10 p.m., Burwah, s., at 2.15 p.m., all north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: January 31, Forster, ketch, at 8 a.m., Rosedale at 5.20 p.m. Departures: January 31, Premier, ketch, at 5.30 a.m., Trilby at 6.30 p.m. Passed: January 31, Adelaide at 6.30 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: January 31, City of Grafton, s., at 2.35 p.m., Augsburg, s., at 3 p.m., Nambucca at 6 p.m., all north.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departure: January 30, Kinsumber, s., at 7.30 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: January 31, a steamer flying RKLN at 1 p.m., north; a ketch at 1.30 p.m., south; a small tug at 1.45 p.m., south; Nambucca at 2.20 p.m.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrivals: January 31, Wyoming, s., at 8.30 a.m., Coraki, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: January 31, Willinga, schooner, at 5.30 a.m., Kinsley, s., at 9 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: January 31, Nambucca, s., at 8.40 a.m., north; Excelsior, s., at 1 p.m., north; President at 6.20 p.m., south; Oakland at 5.40 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—January 31, Pelotas, schooner, at anchor in Nelson's Bay. Passed: A ketch at 3.20 p.m., north; Violet Deeple, Empress of India, Rosella, Triumph, Arab, Lena and Lilian arrived at 6.30 p.m.; Cooloon and Enterprise at 7 p.m.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departure: January 31, Kelloe at 4.30 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: January 31, Greyhound, s., at 9.30 a.m.

PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: January 31, Glaucus, s., at 5 a.m., for Melbourne.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: January 31, Coomonderry, s., at 7 a.m., from Sydney; Illawarra, s., at 10.25 a.m., from Sydney; Mistaro, s., at 4 p.m., south.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: January 31, Peterborough, s., at 10.40 a.m., from Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arrival: January 31, Bega, s., at 9 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: Bega, s., at 10.40 a.m., for Tathra.

MORUYA.—Passed: January 31, like Currie, s., at 6.40 a.m., north; Larnaca, s., at 9.40 a.m., north.

EDEN.—Arrival: January 31, Wakatipu at 4.30 p.m., Champion, tug, at 3.50 p.m., Lightning, yawl, at 4.30 p.m., from Malacoota. Departure: January 31, Champion, tug, with disabled steamer Age in tow, at 4 p.m.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed: January 31, Despatch, s., at 2 p.m., inward; New Guinea, s., at 8.20 a.m., outward.

GEELONG.—Departure: January 31, Anglian at daylight, for Melbourne.

HOBART.—Arrival: January 31, Ionic, s., at 10.15 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: January 30, Oonah, s., at 8.5 p.m., for Sydney; Ionic at 4.30 p.m.

STRAHAN (Tas.).—Arrival: January 31, Kawatiri, s., at 7 a.m., from Melbourne.

LOW HEAD (Tas.).—Arrivals: January 31, Coogee, s., at 8.10 a.m., from Melbourne; Gerr, barque, at 8.50 a.m., from Baltic.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Arrivals: Pakeha, s., from London; Indralema, s., from Sydney.

Departures: Frank Guy, for Sydney from Kaipara; Oterama, s., for London from Lyttelton; Norwest, barque, from Port Chalmers for Capetown, with 2878 sacks oats.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49·690.
Rainfall from January 1 to January 31, 1·673.
Temperature.—Max., 78·7; min., 68·3.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·84; Perth, 30·04; Esperance Bay, 30.21; Eucla, 30·19; Streaky Bay, 30·19; Adelaide, 30·16; Robe, 30·08; Portland, 30·02; Melbourne, 30·04; Wilson's Promontory, 29·97; Cape St. George, 29·98; Sydney, 30·03; Newcastle, 30·02; Port Macquarie, 30·06; Clarence Heads, 30·04; Brisbane, 30·05; Rockhampton, 29·97; Mackay, 29·94; Cooktown, 29·86.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Fine generally, cloudy to dull at scattered places.

South Australia.—Scattered clouds in the north, but fine; but cloudy elsewhere.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy and showery on the coast, fine inland.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Bendemeer 9 points, Jervis Bay 8, Glen Innes 16, Inverell 14, Tamworth 8, Tenterfield 45, Werris Creek 3.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 1in.; Balranald, 6in. below summer level; Bingera, low; Booligal, dammed; Bourke, 10½in.; Brewarrina, low; Deniliquin, 8in.; Dubbo, 2ft. 5in.; Euabalong, 2ft., falling; Euston, 3ft. 3in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 2ft. 9in.; Hay, 6in. below summer level; Hillston, 1ft. 10in., falling; Louth, low; Manilla, low; Menindie, 10½in.; Mogil Mogil, 1ft. 8in., falling; Moulamein, low; Mungindi, 4ft. 10in., falling; Pooncarie, low; Tilpa, low; Tocumwal, 11in.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft.; Wentworth, low; Wilcannia, 5in.; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 9ft. 3in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 2ft. 5in., falling; Goondiwindi, low.

TEMPERATURES.

Tuesday's maximum records:—Bingera 102 deg., Bourke 102, Brewarrina 110, Broken Hill 92, Cassilis 99, Collarendabri 107, Condobolin 98, Coonabarabran 99, Dubbo 99, Gunnedah 107, Jerry's Plains 100, Moree 99, Mungindi 102, Muswellbrook 103, Narrabri 105, Tilliem 103, Quirindi 103, Tabulam 102, Wagga 90, Walgett 108, Warialda 102, Wyalong 104.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N.N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N.N.E., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N., cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, E.N.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Wollongong, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, calm, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light southerly to easterly winds, with fine pleasant weather; some thunderstorms about.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Generally fine and cool, cloudy at times along south coast districts, with perhaps a little misty rain in early morning on and near the ranges; light S.W. to S.E. winds, smooth sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine inland, but still cloudy in coastal districts, with passing showers; W. and S.W. winds light inland to fresh along the coast; sea rather rough, but moderating.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL AUSTRALASIAN FORECASTS BY MR. C. L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Showery and squally from south-west south from Bermagui, otherwise mostly fine; north-easters north from Trial Bay, southerlies prevailing elsewhere, but vessels bound west round Gabo will meet heavy westerlies under the disturbance "Kenna."

Victoria and Tasmania.—Still squally, wet, with rough seas under "Kenna;" westerlies to south-westerlies.

New Zealand.—"Kenna" will soon cause heavy north-westers to south-westers, with rough seas in the south; mostly fine in the north.

New Caledonia.—South-easterly conditions, but fine, except passing showers.

Note.—Rough under "Kenna" between Hobart and the Bluff.

Western Australia.—Intense heat, with some thunder-showers in north, under the new monsoon named "Suba," in other parts mostly fine to cloudy. Hot north-easters north from Perth, squally between N. and S.W., with rain shortly off the Leeuwin, thereafter affecting the Southern coast, under the antarctic disturbance "Seymoura."

Northern Territory.—Cloudy, unsettled, very close, some rain, with variable winds.

South Australia.—South-westerly showers south-east from Adelaide, cloudy generally in the southern half, and fine in the far north.

Queensland.—More heavy tropical showers along the Northern coast, capricious duststorms and thunderstorms inland, otherwise generally fine, very hot in the west, easterlies to south-easters along the coast, variable winds elsewhere, blowing occasionally in heavy squalls in the west; sea moderate.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 1.

Sun rises at 5.16, sets at 7.2; Moon, 6.37 a.m., 7.19 p.m.; Mercury, 4.43 a.m., 6.48 p.m.; Venus, 7.55 a.m., 8.40 p.m.; Mars, 4.58 a.m., 6.51 p.m.; Jupiter, 12.31 a.m., 2.34 p.m.; Saturn, 2.10 a.m., 4.26 p.m.

New Moon, January 31st; full moon, February 14th.

High water at Fort Denison, 9 6 a.m., 9.27 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Bluff and Invercargill, via Newcastle, Undaunted, 8 a.m.
Noumea, via Newcastle.—Maroc, 8 a.m.
*Noumea.—Werfa, 10 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Futami Maru, 11 a.m.
Montague Island.—Murray, noon.
Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides, Banks, and Santa Cruz Islands.—Yeabel, 4 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 7 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Manila, via Brisbane.—U.S.S. Celtic, 4.45 p.m.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Coolgardie, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Melbourne.—R.M.S. Orizaba, 10 a.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Adelaide, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waikare, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Papanui, noon.
Manning River.—Coraki, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Townsville, Cooktown, Thursday Island, and Normanton, via Brisbane.—Warrego, 9.30 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 10 a.m.
Port Macquarie and Nambucca River.—Rosedale, 11 a.m.
Devonport West, Burnie, Stanley, Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Penguin, 7 p.m.
Richmond River.—St. George, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Orizaba, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Orizaba (letters addressed to persons on board.)—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Talune, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Orizaba, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Honolulu, Canada, United States of America, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—C.-A. s.s. Aorangi, 3.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Aorangi (letters addressed to persons on board.)—Overland to Brisbane, 3.30 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 4 p.m.
Tahiti and Rarotonga, from Auckland.—Ovalau, 4 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Manapouri, 7 p.m.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh reports that after the battle of Spion Kop yesterday week the British held the ground captured on the previous night and commenced to make strong entrenchments. Reuter's Agency states that Lord Dundonald's brigade has recrossed the Tugela, and that Lieutenant-General Lyttelton is still north of Potgieter's *Drift*. General Buller, after reading to his troops a message from the Queen, said they must not think the work they had done was of no avail merely because a portion of the force had been ordered to recross the Tugela. In his opinion they held the key of the road to Ladysmith, where he hoped to be within a week.

Lord Roberts has recalled to Capetown two transports conveying artillery and cavalry, which had been ordered to Durban.

An explosion took place in a large shell factory at Johannesburg on January 20, causing great loss of life.

The agent of the Transvaal Government at Delagoa Bay received information from Pretoria that 2000 British had been captured at Spion Kop, and this fiction was cabled to Europe.

Forty thousand additional troops are under orders or have embarked for South Africa.

The casualties suffered by Sir Redvers Buller's force since he crossed the Tugela, but prior to the battle on Spion Kop, numbered 318, besides seven men being missing.

The Bushmen's Contingent Fund is now £25,246. Yesterday 132 men passed the rifle test out of 172 who presented themselves.

A deputation which waited on the Premier of Queensland asked that the colony's third contingent should be increased to 1000 men. The Premier said the Government would increase the contingent to 250, and would send a further contingent if necessary.

Yesterday the remains of Trooper Meehan, of the second New South Wales Contingent, were accorded a military funeral in Adelaide.

The Imperial Parliament was opened on Tuesday. The Speech from the Throne noted the patriotic eagerness to serve in the war, and the brilliant courage and the soldierly qualities of the colonial forces now at the front.

In dealing with the subject of Australian federation, the Speech stated that the Australian Commonwealth Constitution Bill would be early introduced. Federation would prove advantageous to the colonies and to the Empire.

Lord Rosebery, speaking on the Address in Reply in the House of Lords, condemned the levity of Lord Salisbury's speech, and stated that the country was entitled to know what military measures the Government intended to take.

In the House of Commons Mr. A. J. Balfour said that the General officers at the front were allowed an absolutely free hand.

The annual meeting of the National Rifle Association of New South Wales was held last night. From various causes, the report stated, the annual prize meeting had not been so successful as some former meetings.

Experiments have been made by the Fisheries' Commissioners with a trammel net, and they have proved successful.

The chairman of the Grafton Dairying Company states that dairying was worth £85,000 to £90,000 per annum to the Clarence districts.

In South Australia numbers of bush fires are reported from the country districts. Some homesteads have been destroyed.

The military authorities have informed the Premier that there are 25,270 useful rifles in the colony, 8000 being first-class.

At the annual meeting of the Rowing Association on Tuesday evening it was reported that the overdraft of £48 had been wiped off, and that there was a credit balance of £9. Accounts have to be paid amounting to £45.

The Mungeranie bore, on the route between Hergott and Birdsville, has been sunk to 3370ft., and 500,000 gallons of water per day are flowing.

Lieutenant-Colonel Finn, of the 21st Hussars, has been appointed Commandant of the Queensland defence forces.

The intercolonial cricket match, New South Wales v. Victoria, was concluded yesterday, and resulted in a victory for New South Wales by 111 runs. This colony will thus hold the Sheffield Shield for the next 12 months.

News from the Islands, received yesterday, stated that in the Carolines everything was quiet.

In the Lambton Council there are five vacancies to be filled. The returning officer has not received one nomination, and the council is without a quorum.

The Wollongong show, which opened yesterday, was fairly attended. Exhibits were of a good quality.

At a meeting of residents of Waverley on Tuesday evening it was decided to form a company within the borough to be attached to the St George's Rifles.

The annual meeting of the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children was held yesterday. There are now in the asylum 149 children as compared with 158 for the previous year. It was stated that want of funds was hampering the full working of the institution.

At the annual meeting of the Public Schools' Amateur Athletic Association last night it was stated that the progress during the year, both athletically and financially, had been extraordinary.

The Labour Department reports that the Early Closing Act is working smoothly, and that employees are reaping the benefit of its provisions.

It is stated that in the outlying suburbs especially selling over the back fence goes on while the shop's front door is closed. In cases where a continuance of the practice is persisted in prosecutions will take place.

The Minister for Labour has indicated some sections of the Early Closing Act which require amendment.

Last night the prizes won at the Anniversary Regatta were presented to the successful competitors by Sir Matthew Harris.

In investment securities on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday more than the usual amount of business was done. New South Wales 4 per cents. had an advance of ⅛.

The month closed quietly in all departments of the import market. Prices were nominally unchanged. Orders continue to be received for distributing parcels from the country.

There was a little less business in the Mining market yesterday, but at the close Western Australian stocks had a rather more buoyant tendency.

The customs revenue received yesterday amounted to £4537.

To-day we publish on page 5 a digest of the duties and powers of inspectors under the Early Closing Act, and of the definitions of terms used in the Act.

CADBURY'S COCOA.
The popular beverage for all seasons.—Advt.

General Buller told his troops on Monday, our cables of this morning inform us, that they had won the key of the road to Ladysmith, where he hoped to be within a week. This puts a more hopeful aspect on the news which reached us that the relief force had been turned back with the exception of Lyttelton's brigade, respecting which more information is desirable, though the cable describes it as occupying its original position. In view of the fact that Warren and Dundonald have both retreated across the Tugela River, it is fair to assume that the remaining brigade holds its position until relieved or assisted at some considerable risk. In the meantime the situation of Ladysmith is not reassuring, and those pathetic heliographic messages of which our cables speak suggest the disappointment of the garrison. When it is remembered that the guns of the relief force were already audible in the beleaguered township, and that the approach of General Buller had come to be momently and eagerly expected, the cable describing the soldiers and townsfolk watching for his arrival from the ramparts is not pleasant reading. It recalls the advance to the relief of Lucknow, with the difference that while Sir Colin Campbell was successful the attempt to relieve Ladysmith has so far been defeated. Under the circumstances it is not to be wondered at if public feeling in England is excited, or that the momentous decision of Lord Roberts as to the lines on which the future of the campaign is to be directed is eagerly looked forward to. There seems to be a consensus of opinion, not confined to British critics, that the campaign up to the present has been conducted on mistaken lines. Of course there were many and obvious reasons why the separate advances of the Boers should be opposed, and why points like Kimberley and Mafeking should be defended. The initial mistake of underrating the enemy's strength, and of calculating that 50,000 men or thereabouts would be sufficient to make a speedy end of this campaign, has been fruitful of many blunders. The progress of the campaign so far, and the heavy price we have paid for our lesson, have by this time enabled the nation to realise its mistake.

It is evident that those tactics are mistaken which lead generals to throw masses of brave men against strongly fortified points like Spytfontein and Spion Kop, especially when those positions are backed by others of equal strength. It is apparent, too, that it is impossible to conduct strategic operations in country like that between Colenso and Ladysmith without adequate balloon or other reconnaissances, and without military maps of the country. It should be remembered that Natal is a colony of our own, so that the neglect to provide these maps is the more reprehensible. It is also a demonstrable error that our generals should pursue tactics against the guerilla Boer force which would be useful and appropriate in a pitched battle on a European field, but which are useless here. And again, it is by this time generally admitted and understood that the modern armament and long-range guns of the Boers must be met by equally effective weapons on our side, and that in dealing with so mobile an enemy as this the services of cavalry and rough-riders are much to be desired. It has taken us nearly four months to learn these lessons, and it has cost us not a few disasters and losses. There are promising indications at last that we are likely to profit by these lessons, and one of the first signs to that purport which the British public at home and abroad will look for is such a modification of the present plan of campaign as will give us a chance to bring our superior weight and numbers to bear. It will be seen that certain Continental critics are scornfully pressing the same lesson, and urging that the British will have to turn aside from their assaults on these strongly-held and fortified positions and seek a new field of operations. We have demonstrated to our own satisfaction and that of these not too friendly critics that the finest fighting material in the world, full of heroic courage and that absolute contempt of danger which are characteristic of British soldiers in the field, is simply thrown away among these fortified kops and kopjes where the Boers have been allowed time to entrench themselves in strongholds now practically impregnable to assault. After all, these points are not the objective of the campaign. We have to fall back on the primary elements of the situation, and recognise that whatever we may hope to do can best be achieved by carrying the war without delay into the enemy's country.

It would appear from another of our messages of this morning that Lord Roberts has some such movement in view, since he has recalled to Capetown two transports carrying artillery and cavalry consigned to Durban. Such reinforcements would be useful to General Buller, but if it be the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to adopt a plan of campaign which has been advocated in many quarters for months past, and make a direct movement on Bloemfontein, their recall is readily comprehensible. Some time back the "Times" remarked on the strong expert opinion in Germany that we were making a mistake in regarding Kimberley and Ladysmith as primary factors in the campaign. A strong British army advancing towards the capital of the Orange Free State, these critics urged, and deflecting neither to the right nor to the left, would so powerfully attract all the available Boer forces as to speedily relieve the invested centres. This line of march has the added advantage, as soon as the mountain country in the north of Cape Colony has been safely passed, of lying across the comparatively open veldt of the Orange Free State. There have been reasons, of course, why this course was not pursued earlier; but next to the impossible advance on Pretoria through the closed foreign port at Delagoa Bay this route offers the best chance of an early successful issue to the campaign. The operation has been so long delayed now that it is likely to be found surrounded by many difficulties non-existent two or three months ago. But the consideration of mere difficulty is not likely to deter either Lord Roberts or his men from carrying out this enterprise with spirit and skill if the operations of the campaign should be reshaped in that direction. Even if General Buller won his way into Ladysmith by next Monday the campaign would have to be fought inch by inch through all the mountain passes between that town and the Transvaal border; while if the other plan of operations were followed the Boer positions now fortified in the hills around Ladysmith and on the way to Kimberley would quickly be deserted for the defence of the country menaced by this onward march.

The subject of the expense of the management of life assurance offices is in these days of wide-spreading insurance enterprise one of increasing interest. That is being recognised in the United Kingdom more than in Australasia. There the earnings from investments are not so high as they are in the colonies, and in consequence not so much room exists for lavish expenditure. Moreover, they are not so high as they were, for there is a steady downward tendency in interest rates, reducing the margin above the actual rate required for the policy reserve to an ever lessening point. The necessity for economy of management becomes paramount as the limit is approached. And it must be reached all the more quickly as the various offices find it necessary to value their policies at the lower rates of interest required by the general decline in the earning power of money. To encourage excessive expenditure under these conditions would be improvident in the extreme.

In the course of his opening address the President of the Institute of Actuaries, Mr. Manly, expressed his warm approval of a protest made by the Scottish Widows' Fund against a practice described as "the unwholesome competition which daily confronts the officials and representatives of the society, who with regret see large amounts of desirable business taken past them by *persons demanding heavy commissions* and rebates, which the directors have not thought it in the interests of the members to allow." This suggests a power in individuals which, if allowed to be exercised, must militate considerably against the attainment by life offices of profitable results, even if it does not go further and lead to disaster. Insurance canvassers and agents are not to be blamed for assessing their services at what they can obtain for them. But the company which pays them ought to look closely at the consequences to itself and its other assurants before accepting risks carrying heavy initial expense. Business can be obtained much too dearly. A company may add a very large amount of new assurances to its aggregate premium income, and its directors or manager may point to it as an evidence of progress; but unless at the same time it is shown that it has been obtained at a reasonable cost, sooner or later the office will have reason to regret it. The expense comes out of *the funds*, and within two or three years the bonuses, which all offices provide where they can do so, are seen to be prejudicially affected, and new assurants shun connection with them. A more short-sighted policy could not be pursued. Companies which refuse to meet demands for heavy commissions and rebates for business, however desirable, will ultimately secure assurances when it will be impossible even for enterprising highly-paid canvassers to obtain them for more expensive offices. That is the consolation which will support directors and assurants in prudently managed companies that may for the time suffer in the diminution of legitimate business.

The tendency of the age is to conduct much of the increasing business of co-operative undertakings at a higher ratio of expense to the total earnings, which in other words is but saying that wages and salaries are rising and interest is falling. Whether that is for the ultimate advantage of the world entirely depends on the use which is made of the larger incomes by those who receive them. Any effect of the change in distribution of earnings from labour and capital which tends to reduce the growth of capital will not be entirely in the interests of the workers in society, for it is the capital of London or Liverpool which gives the operative a wage that could not be earned by the tradesman in the Orkneys or any part of the United Kingdom or world where the struggle is from hand to mouth. However the tendency to excess in expense may prevail in the case of ordinary business enterprises, it should not be seen in institutions founded specifically to provide for widows and children. Even the Legislature to some extent protects some portion of such funds from the claims of creditors. If these are supposed to be specially deserving of protection from what otherwise would be just claims on an estate, they ought to be guarded by company directors from excessive commissions and expenses by those who bring them business or manage their affairs. It is the last class of co-operative enterprise that should be subject to anything but the most businesslike methods of management. To tell the amount of pinching exercised by many members of the community to maintain their life assurance premiums would be impossible; but it is doubtless very great. Life assurance funds ought to be sacredly safeguarded from encroachment.

Those who are opposing the attempts now being made in certain directions in the United Kingdom to exact unduly large commissions have some encouragement, for the Board of Trade returns for 1899 show that in that year the expenses of all the offices amounted to 14·35 per cent. of the gross premium income, where they in 1891 aggregated 15·12 per cent. The general movement has been in the right direction, and it may therefore be hoped that efforts now being made will not be successful. The evil complained of in the United Kingdom is not an unknown experience in the colonies, where the average rate of expense is much higher than on the other side of the world, amounting in fact to 19·49 per cent., one of the Mutual offices spending as much as 35 per cent. of its gross premiums. Any advantage accruing to an Australasian institution from its high rate of interest is considerably more than neutralised by such a ratio of expenditure, when a comparison is made with a British office managed at the average rate of expense and earning the average rate of interest. At the same time it is satisfactory to note that the average rate of expense to premium income in the Australian offices has since 1894 fallen from 20 per cent. Although there is so much more room for it, there is only an improvement in these figures for the five years of ½ per cent. as compared with one of about ¾ per cent. in the case of the offices reporting to the British Board of Trade. No doubt the proportionate amount of new and more expensive business in each case has to be considered in the comparison. But it is unquestionable that the expenses of some of the Australasian offices are much too heavy. And the general criticism to which British offices are exposed may well be applied to local institutions with general advantage to the host of assurants who are now connected with one or other of them. To whomsoever better times in Australia are coming, they can only come to the life assurance canvasser, or agent, through the increase in business, which ought now to be considerable, and not through any additional percentage on the gross premium income. Rates of interest earned on investments of Australian life assurance companies have assimilated much more within the past five years than have their expense rates. The change has been of decided advantage to the assurant in the British office.

Telephones have become so intimate a part of our social and business existence that particulars concerning their growth and efficiency are of considerable interest to us all. The report to hand from the Postmaster-General concerning the working of the telephone system in New South Wales during the past year shows that satisfactory expansion has taken place, and that in certain important features progress has been effected. The number of connections made during 1899 was 1789, as against 1666 for the year 1898, showing an increase of 123, and the number of telephones in use on December 31, 1899, exclusive of extra telephones used in large places of business, was 10,119. Looking at the results in detail we are struck by the growth of the country exchanges, which afford evidence of the spread of the telephone in the country districts. The number of subscribers on country exchanges on the 31st of December was 862, of which total Broken Hill was responsible for 258, Newcastle 169, and Bathurst 117. Another point of special interest lies in the success which has attended the long-distance lines. The Newcastle to Sydney line, which was opened on January 1, 1898, has yielded a steady business during the past two years and has thoroughly justified its construction. The earnings for the first year amounted to £774, and for the second year to £1143, or a total of £1917 for the two years of its existence. The line from Bathurst to Sydney, which was opened on June 5, 1899, shows a return up to the end of last year of £105, and the Katoomba to Sydney, which was put into operation on March 13 last, has yielded £85. The figures before us show that as far as patronage is concerned there is nothing to complain of, and the only other condition that we have to look for is the thorough efficiency of the service. In this respect the past year has not been altogether satisfactory, for the pressure of business on the city and suburban lines has caused some annoyance to subscribers. Trouble with the "engaged" telephone has been frequent and numerous complaints have been heard. Unduly prolonged use of the telephone by certain thoughtless subscribers has been partly responsible for this state of things; but the Department also admits that the appliances at its disposal are not adequate to cope with the increased business it now has to control. In a few weeks we are promised a new and improved switchboard at the Central Exchange, and then it is confidently expected that things will work smoothly. When the changes now contemplated are effected our telephone system will compare favourably in extent and efficiency with those of other countries.

How the absurd restrictionist fiscal policy is affecting the people of Victoria at the present time is rather amusingly set forth by a Melbourne correspondent who plaintively appeals to New South Wales fruitgrowers to send them some watermelons to comfort them under the blazing heat to which they are exposed. No doubt their condition is very distressing; but it is their own fault. The appeal should go to the Victorian Government to suspend the duty of 1s 6d per bushel, charged on such New South Wales produce. It is this duty and not the lack of enterprise on the part of Sydney fruit merchants which is responsible for the lack of supply of delicious melons for which our correspondent is so much athirst. Melbourne people are evidently not rich enough to absorb regular shipments, with the cost of freight and duty added to what would have to be paid by our consumers. Otherwise there would be no lack of enterprise on the part of New South Wales growers and Sydney merchants to come to their relief. But the comfort is not deserved by those who put it beyond their command by their fiscal system. And Sydney merchants may well be excused for refusing to run the risk of loss on perishable goods which Melbourne people could not afford to buy freely in the hottest weather, and might not want if one of those sudden changes converted the temperature from 106 to 70 degrees. At this time of the year "pink, crisp chunks of watermelon" are at present as ambrosia only for the intelligent people of New South Wales, who have refrained from shutting out the comforts of life in furtherance of a selfish policy, which only has to be extended a little bit further, and exclude our enjoyment of tea and coffee, because they might be grown in New South Wales. However, there is a good time coming even for the parched throats of the Victorians, when under a federal policy of intercolonial freetrade they will be able to enjoy New South Wales watermelons, free of 1s 6d per bushel duty. And when they begin to realise the blessings of freetrade they may think it worth while to extend the policy to all the world.

THE PREMIER.—It is probable that the Premier, who finds that he is in want of a little rest, will leave Sydney on Saturday for Tasmania for a week's holiday. Mr. Lyne will certainly return to Sydney before the despatch of the Bushmen's Contingent.

THE AGENT-GENERALSHIP.—Mr. B. R. Wise desires to contradict the statement that he is likely to be appointed to the position of Agent-General. Mr. Wise says that he has at no time sought such a position, and, even in the event of it being offered to him, would not be able to accept it.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN MAIL.—The Postmaster-General is advised that a mail from Cape Town by the Ionic arrived at Hobart, Tasmania, yesterday, and is expected to reach Sydney on Saturday, February 3, in time for delivery at about 12.45 p.m.

THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF THE COLONY.—We learn that the investigation of the Commission which is now sitting with the view of facilitating the work of dividing the colony into electoral districts for the purposes of the Federal Parliament discloses the fact that a large number of the present electorates—stated to be 50—should have been readjusted under the Electoral Act two or three years ago. The number of electors in the different electorates is not in relative proportion as the Act requires, and no readjustments have been made.

MOREE TO INVERELL RAILWAY.—Mr. Hassall (Minister for Lands) left Sydney last night to open the Moree to Inverell railway. This extension commences at Moree, 315 miles 1 chain from Newcastle, and terminates at Gravesend, 350 miles, being a length of 35 miles. The line is practically a surface one, the only cutting of any extent being at Yagobie and Gravesend, in neither case more than 10ft. deep. There are no large bridges, and excepting the 24ft. openings at Slaughterhouse Creek and at 343.35 miles, the waterways are of the smaller type. The steepest grade against the load is 1 in 100, and the sharpest curve 10 chains radius. The line is laid with 60lb. rails on half round sleepers. At Yagobie there is a 20,000 gallon tank, with all the necessary pumping appliances. At Gravesend, in addition to the ordinary passenger accommodation and sheep and cattle trucking yards, a goods shed and station-master's house have been provided. At the intermediate stations there are the usual waiting sheds, and at Yagobie, in addition to the waiting shed and goods shed, there is a combined sheep and cattle trucking yard. It is the first section of the Moree to Inverell railway.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE CASE OF WILLIAM CRESSWELL.—The first meeting of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire and report upon the case of William Cresswell was held at Parliament House yesterday. There were present: Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A. (president), Messrs. George Anderson, E. M. Clark, J. R. Dacey, R. D. Meagher, and W. H. Wilks, Ms.L.A., and Mr. Walter D. White, secretary to the commission. The commission under the Great Seal having been read, certain preliminary matters were disposed of, after which Mr. William Marshall, an old resident of the Gundagai district, and who was intimately acquainted with Cresswell, was examined at length. The commission will sit again on Friday.

SEWERAGE AND HEALTH.—The reports of Dr. T. Mailler Kendall, medical officer to the Water and Sewerage Board, having been recently referred to at a meeting of the Sydney City Council as superfluous, Mr. D. Davis, M.L.A., at a meeting of the board yesterday, alluded to the matter. He said the reports of Dr. Kendall were valuable, more especially as the City Health Officer seldom sent in any report, whereas Dr. Kendall reported every fortnight. The chairman, Mr. J. Garrard, said until he found Dr. Kendall's reports were incorrect he intended to rely upon them. The Board of Health's weekly statements as to the existence of disease in the city and suburbs were referred to Dr. Kendall and the inspectors. They had reliable data, therefore, to base investigations upon. Dr. Kendall always made inquiries on the Board of Health's reports to see if the diseases mentioned therein were traceable to any defect in the sewerage. His reports had been wonderfully helpful to the Sydney suburban councils. Alderman H. Chapman, M.L.A., said the City Council had been unable to object to Dr. Kendall's figures, which were official, but complained of the publication of his conclusions. He did not see why Dr. Kendall's reports should not be published. The newspaper representatives were always welcome at the board's meetings, whereas they were not admitted always to the meeting of the City Council. The board's medical officer's reports were of importance, as the board had everything to do with sanitation, being always actively engaged in sewerage construction.

GREATER SYDNEY.—On Wednesday afternoon the first meeting of the gentlemen appointed by the Sydney and suburban councils to sit in conference for the purpose of devising a scheme for local government for the metropolitan district of Sydney took place. There were present Alderman Sir Matthew Harris, M.L.A. (Mayor), Sir W. P. Manning, T. H. Barlow, Dr. James Graham, M.L.A., and Thomas Hughes, representing the city; Aldermen Cohen, Griffin, Purves, Stinson, and Willis, representing the suburban councils. Sir Matthew Harris, Mayor of Sydney, was elected chairman of the conference, and the town clerk (Mr. R. M. M'C. Anderson) hon. secretary. It was decided that the conference would meet on every Wednesday evening at 7.30, and the next meeting would not take place until February 21.

THE WEATHER.—Scattered rain has fallen in the Northern highlands at a few places, and due to thunderstorms, but by yesterday morning it was fine all over the colony. In the Western districts the prevailing winds were southerly, with cool, pleasant weather. On the coast light nor'-east winds prevailed, with calms and a smooth sea.

NEW SOUTH WALES PATRIOTIC FUND.—We have received 3s from Helen, Katie, and Linda towards this fund, and from James Hurley 10s.

HARBOUR AND RIVER EMPLOYEES' PICNIC.—It has been pointed out to the Minister for Works that although a holiday is granted to the dock employees on the occasion of the annual picnic in connection with the Harbour and River employees, a number of the men do not go to the picnic. The Minister expresses surprise that the whole of the men do not attend the picnic under the circumstances. The matter was brought under the notice of Mr. O'Sullivan, in the first instance by the secretary to the picnic and subsequently by the heads of the departments, amongst others Mr. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief, writing a minute on the matter.

MR. IVAN HENRY'S NEW OFFICES.—Yesterday afternoon Mr. Ivan Henry informally entertained a few friends at his new offices, at 134 Pitt-street. Mr. Henry has found it absolutely necessary, in order to cope with the requirements of an increasing business, to enter new and enlarged premises. The building has been specially fitted to meet the views of the proprietor by Messrs. Cunningham and Porter, who worked from specifications prepared by Mr. J. Kirkpatrick. Nicely furnished reception-rooms, clerk's room, hotel saleroom, business saleroom, stock and share, partnership, house and land, and auction rooms are conveniently disposed throughout the building, with every attention to light, ventilation, and comfort. In every way the new offices should reflect credit upon those who have had the carrying out of Mr. Henry's wishes.

COAL AND SHALE RETURNS FOR 1899.—The returns supplied to the Department of Mines by the colliery owners show that our collieries produced during last year 4,596,903 tons, valued at £1,325,773 12s 5d. This is a decrease of 109,348 tons on the output for 1898, but an increase in the value of the output of that year of £53,941 1s 5d, due to the better price prevailing during the last 12 months. In the northern district there was a decrease of 96,107 tons, and in the western district the decrease was 64,467 tons. The Southern district, however, shows an increase of 45,758 tons as compared with 1898. The shale mines turned out 36,719 tons, valued at £40,823 5s, an increase of 7030 tons, and in value £8989 5s, as compared with the previous year. The quantity of coke manufactured was 96,530 tons, or 14,308 tons in excess of the output for 1898.

ROBBERY AT NEUTRAL BAY.—It has been reported to the police that a quantity of jewellery, valued at about £120, was stolen from the residence of Dr. W. S. Hinder, of Tynedale, Neutral Bay, sometime between Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. It appears that Mrs. Hinder left the jewellery on a tray upon her dressing table, and it is supposed that some person obtained admission to the room by means of a French door opening on to the verandah. A number of trinkets and some less valuable jewellery were left untouched.

SUICIDE OF A LAW STUDENT.—An inquiry was held yesterday by the Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore, J.P.) into the circumstances surrounding the death of Norman Alexander West, a law student, 22, whose dead body was found in his room about 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. T. C. Ashe, stepfather of deceased, with whom he lived at Elizabeth Bay, stated that he last saw West at lunch time on January 29, when he appeared to be in good health and spirits. Deceased had not been studying hard, and there was no known reason for the commission of the act. Between 5 and 6 p.m. on the previous day witness and his housekeeper, who had been alarmed at the prolonged absence of deceased, went to his room, and on entering found him lying with a revolver wound in the forehead and the weapon close to the body. A finding of suicide was recorded.

To-night's meeting (for the purpose of electing 14 delegates to represent New South Wales at the Australian Freetrade Conference, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, and not in the Equitable-building, as stated in our columns yesterday. It is the conference which is to be held in the Equitable-building.

A public meeting will be held in the Marrickville Town Hall to-night to take steps to form a volunteer company.

Owing to the recent death of Mr. Curtis, who was reappointed municipal assessor for the borough of Woollahra, a special meeting of the council was held on Monday evening, at which Mr. M. Cleary was appointed to fill the vacant position.

Mr. A. M'Lintock points out in reference to the statement that "the Minister for Works has decided to extend the Balmain tram to the end of Darling-street as soon as the electrical system is adopted," that such extension would be useless unless a duplicate line is put down at least as far as the Rozelle post-office, because the inconvenience already caused through having to wait for one tram to pass the other is very great, and if any more obstacles were put in the way of business-men they would be compelled to travel by some other conveyance.

A handy office calendar has been received from F. Cunninghame and Co., printers, Pitt-street.

A young woman named Lizzie King, aged 18, residing in Botany-road, was admitted at Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday evening suffering from the effects of drinking a quantity of salts of lemon.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

OPENING OF THE SESSION.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SOLDIERLY QUALITIES OF THE COLONIALS.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

THE GREAT COLONIES OF THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The Imperial Parliament was opened yesterday.

The speech from the Throne, in addition to the matters mentioned in the forecast published yesterday, stated in referring to the war in South Africa:—"We have witnessed with pride and the heartiest gratification the patriotic eagerness to serve in the war and spontaneous loyalty of all our subjects. We are confident they will sustain and will renew their exertions until the war is brought to a victorious conclusion.

"The brilliant courage and the soldierly qualities of the colonial forces have earned our high admiration."

The subject of Australian federation was dealt with, and the speech stated:—"The Australian Commonwealth Constitution Bill will be early introduced. Her Majesty has watched with cordial satisfaction the gradual development of the great colonies of the Empire into self-governing communities, and is confident that the federation of Australia will prove advantageous both to the colonies and to the Empire."

In the House of Lords last night, during the debate on the Address-in-Reply to the Speech from the Throne, Lord Salisbury, in replying to the Earl of Kimberley's criticisms, declared that the cause of all their sorrows was the pernicious engagement which the Convention of 1884 permitted the Transvaal to make with Portugal for the free admission of munitions of war into Delagoa Bay. The British secret service funds, he said, were too small to enable the Government to acquire accurate information as to the extent of the importations. He admitted that the situation was full of humiliation, and was not free from danger; but if they set themselves heartily to work and exerted their undoubted power, they would bring the war to a satisfactory conclusion. Unless, the Premier continued, we sank all party passions there was danger of convulsions which would tarnish the Empire's lustre and perhaps menace its integrity. He considered the British Constitution was not a good fighting machine, and added, that the Treasury's control often hampered administration though it was not so in this case.

Lord Rosebery condemned the levity of Lord Salisbury's speech on the Address-in-Reply, and claimed that the country was entitled to know what military measures were intended to be carried out in South Africa.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary for War, promised to reveal at an early date the intentions of the Government. He declared that the Intelligence Department had supplied extremely accurate information as to the Boer preparations and armaments, excepting in regard to the numbers of the disloyal Dutch and the foreign mercenaries. He eulogised the extraordinary loyalty and extreme generosity of the great colonies in placing the whole of their resources at the disposal of the Empire.

The Address-in-Reply to the speech from the Throne was adopted.

During the debate on the Address in the House of Commons last night Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, leader of the Opposition, attacked the Government in regard to its competency to conduct diplomacy with the Transvaal before the war, and in conducting the war itself. The Opposition, he said, would support a vigorous prosecution of the war in order to vindicate the integrity of the Queen's dominions.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, leader of the Government, twitted Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman with being only willing to repel invasion while the Government was determined to secure absolute British supremacy in South Africa. He declared that the generals were allowed an absolutely free hand. The military authorities, he said, considered that the defensive force first sent out to South Africa was more than sufficient for the purpose. Major-General Sir William Butler, the late Comander-in-Chief at Capetown, did not supply the War Office with information as to the resources of the Boers, or as to the necessity for extensive British preparations.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO THE ADDRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Mr. W. Redmond, M.P. for East Clare, has given notice of his intention to move a further amendment to the Address in Reply, declaring that the Transvaal war is unnecessary and unjust, and ought to be ended on the basis of the recognition of the independence of the Transvaal Republic.

THE IRISH PARTY RE-UNITED.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The Irish members of the House of Commons have re-united on the basis of holding themselves aloof from any connection with British Parliamentary parties.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Governor shows little sign of improvement from his recent paralytic attack.

LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 8 a.m.

THE WAR.

THE SPION KOP REVERSE.

AWFUL CARNAGE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Further reports relating to the fighting at Spion Kop state that as the light began to fail a terrific artillery fire was poured in upon the British troops, the carnage being awful. The position proved a veritable trap. The mountain guns and smaller naval guns only arrived towards evening. The men were so crowded upon reaching the summit that they had no room to extend, and could find but little cover from the enemy's fire. It is considered probable that the difficulty in hoisting the guns to the summit, and the fact that the position appeared untenable, led to the withdrawal of the troops. The British losses are stated to be about 500 men, caused chiefly by the terrific shell-fire maintained by the Boers.

HOPEFUL MESSAGES FROM LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Heliograph messages have been received from Ladysmith stating that the garrison is still in good spirits, awaiting General Buller's next move, and is well supplied with provisions and ammunition.

GUNS IN POSITION ON MOUNT ALICE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The British howitzers and naval guns placed on Mount Alice, near Zwart's Kop, on January 20, are still in position.

BRITISH TROOPS AT ROSMEAD JUNCTION.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Lieutenant-General T. Kelly-Kenny has 8600 troops under his command at Rosmead Junction, and Lieutenant-General Sir W. F. Gatacre has 5000.

MAJOR-GENERAL CLEMENT'S ORDERLY KILLED.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

In the fighting which took place to the northward of Rensburg, in which New Zealand troops participated, Major-General Clement's orderly (Harold Both) was killed by a shell whilst holding the general's horse.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, M.P. for the northern division of Wiltshire, moved the adjournment of the debate in the House of Commons on the Address in Reply to the Queen's speech.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

AN ULTIMATUM SENT TO THE PORTE.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The Italian Government has sent an ultimatum to the Turkish Government regarding the refusal of the latter to surrender Sylvia Gemeli, an Italian subject, who is said to be detained in a Turkish officer's harem.

A KENTUCKY SENATOR SHOT.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

A farmer named Whitaker has been arrested at Frankfort, in Kentucky, on a charge of shooting Mr. Goebel, a Democratic Senator, who had recently been elected Governor of the State.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 11-16d per ounce standard.

THE TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

At the auction sales of Australasian tallow to-day 850 casks were offered and 425 sold. Fine mutton realised 29s 9d; medium mutton, 28s; fine beef, 28s 3d; medium beef, 27s.

LATE MINING.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The early exhaustion of the oxidised ore supplies of the Great Boulder Proprietary is apparent. It is estimated, however, that sufficient free milling material is left on the property to maintain the present output for some months to come. Meanwhile the sulphide mill is being erected, and concurrent with the depletion of the ores in the oxidised zone, it is expected that this plant will be ready to stop the breach and make up for any deficiency in the monthly return likely to be occasioned by the shutting down of the stamp mill. To date about 152,000 tons of oxidised ore have been treated, yielding nearly 350,000oz. of gold.

A crosscut driven into the oxidised lode at the 160ft. level of the Iron Duke, to determine its width, has been carried through 40ft. of ore, and has been now stopped. The section of the lode proved payable, but the bulk average value of the lode for the full width has not yet been disclosed.

TO-DAY.

Brighton Races: First race at 2.40 p.m.
Meeting of Freetraders: Temperance Hall, 8 p.m.
L.O.L., 30: Presbyterian Hall, Paddington, 8 p.m.
N.S.W. Patriotic Fund: Committee meeting, Bank of N.S.W., 4 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: Pantomime, "Little Red Riding Hood," 7.30 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Power and the Glory," 7.45 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," 8 p.m.; matinee, 2 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: Mr. Harry Rickard's Company, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

We have received from the secretary of the South Australian branch of the British Medical Association a copy of the resolutions passed by that body to the effect that a physician, with special bacteriological knowledge, be obtained from one of the other colonies to investigate the alleged outbreak of bubonic plague in Adelaide.

A Chinaman named Ched Loy, of 407 Pitt-street, was garrotted and robbed yesterday, shortly after 1 p.m., by two men who took him down a side-entrance to his premises, thence into his bedroom. One man tied a handkerchief round his mouth, and the other bandaged his hands behind his back. A third kept watch outside. The two men took from Chee Loy's pockets a sovereign and about 15s in silver. After ransacking his box they decamped. The police are investigating the matter.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

STRAINED RELATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

A rupture of the friendly relations between Italy and Turkey is reported to be probable, owing to the refusal of the Turkish Government to surrender Sylvia Gemeli, an Italian subject who was placed in a Turkish officer's harem. The refusal is based on the allegation that the lady has embraced Islamism.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

A MANSION HOUSE FUND.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Alfred James Newton, has opened a Mansion House fund for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in India.

VICTORIA.

A BOATING FATALITY.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following message has been received from Tallyaroopna with reference to a boating fatality:—"A party of five persons, named John Mills, Edward Mills, William M'Carron, W. Howard, and William Twitt, were in a boat fishing and shooting on Loch Garry, about 10 miles from Shepparton, when by some means the boat was capsized. Three of the party—Edward Mills, William Twitt, and W. Howard—were drowned. William M'Carron swam ashore, and John Mills managed to hold on to the boat. M'Carron travelled to the village settlement and obtained the assistance of Mr. Beauvilan, who went in his boat and rescued John Mills. Twitt and Howard were married, each having a large family. All the bodies have been recovered."

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Chief Secretary has been notified that Lieutenant-Colonel Finn, of the 21st Hussars, has been appointed as commandant of the Queensland defence forces.

Mr. Meston, the Protector of Aborigines, received a telegram from Mr. Alexander Gordon, of Boulia, stating that there had been, so far, only a few isolated showers there. A camel team arriving with flour saved the place from famine. The country is still in a very bad state from the severe drought, and it is impossible to travel far in any direction by coach or any conveyance.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Agricultural Society, at its meeting, took exception to the sample of wheat forwarded by the Chamber of Commerce as the standard sample of the year. Members pointed to the presence of smut balls, and alleged that it was not a fair sample to put before the world as the season's production. A motion was carried to this effect.

Numbers of bush fires continue to be reported in the country districts, and the latest conflagration occurred in the grounds adjoining Marble Hill, the Governor's summer residence. A number of homesteads were destroyed. Lord Tennyson has started a subscription for the sufferers.

The Commissioner for Public Works has been informed that the Mungeranie bore on the route between Hergott and Birdsville has been sunk to 3370ft., and a thoroughly satisfactory supply of fresh water, amounting to half a million gallons in 24 hours, had been secured.

The grain-laden ship Ben Larig, which went ashore at Cape Jervis, has been examined by a diver, who will report on the damage.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Waiwera arrived at Albany this afternoon with the New Zealand Contingent. The officers were entertained by the Albany Club. They did not land, but refreshments were sent off to the steamer. The Surrey passed Breaksea at 3.30 this afternoon, and is expected at Fremantle at daylight on Friday.

The Mint returns for January show total receipts 28,754oz., as against 31,964oz. last month. The gold coined was £114,173.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company was held to-day. The report stated that £5000 has been added to the reserve fund, and a dividend of sixpence per share was declared, a like amount having been paid as an interim dividend last June.

In the Bowling Tournament Sydney scored 37, Hastings 40; Sydney 42, Hawera 39; Sydney 47, Newcastle 34.

ISLAND NEWS.

News received from the Islands yesterday by the Pacific Islands Company's steamer Archer states that at Ponape a German man-of-war was expected daily in the Caroline Group. Everything was quiet under the governorship of Dr. Halle. When the German flag was hoisted the man-of-war had to take firearms away from the natives. Under the Spanish rule only the native Catholics visited the colony, but now adherents of other religions go and call on Dr. Halle, who frequently goes all around the islands with only a few natives where the Spaniards never put their feet. At Ruk everything is quiet. Here, some time ago the natives robbed a Japanese store and stole about £120 worth of goods. At all the rest of the islands in the Carolines things are very quiet. Messrs. Hernsheim and Co.'s steamer Mascotte left on January 12 with Dr. Schey and 70 native police for the Admiralties to punish the natives for the murder of the captain and mate and crew of the Nukumara. The Mowe was to have left on January 16, but the German warship Seeadler arrived and took her place to help to chastise the natives. The Mowe left for a survey cruise around Duke of York Island. Mr. Bullock, who was wounded at the Admiralties, has quite recovered, and is again at business.

Miss Logan, a passenger by the Archer, is a daughter of the late Robert Logan, the pioneer missionary of the Carolines, who has come to Sydney for medical advice. This young lady, some six months ago, in a vessel named after her father, was wrecked at Savau in a westerly gale, and sustained some injuries of a serious nature. She intends going to the United States. She was connected at Ruk with the American Board of Missions of Boston.

ARRIVAL OF THE R.M.S. IONIC AT HOBART.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Ionic arrived to-day from Capetown. Her passengers (saloon) are:—

For Sydney: Mr. Tebbitt, Miss Tebbitt, Mrs. B. Rosenwax.

There are five in the steerage for Sydney, and eight for Melbourne.

The steamer left at 5.30 this afternoon for Wellington.

An elderly man named Charles Huxtable, an engineer, died suddenly last evening at his residence, Terry-street, Drummoyne. Deceased complained of feeling unwell during the forenoon. The body was removed to the South Morgue and the matter reported to the coroner.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

GENERAL BULLER CONFIDENT.

HOPEFUL ADDRESS TO WARREN'S FORCES.

EXPECTS TO RELIEVE LADYSMITH WITHIN A WEEK.

KEY OF THE ROAD GAINED.

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent at Capetown cables that General Sir Redvers Buller on Monday last read to Sir Charles Warren's forces a message from the Queen expressing her Majesty's admiration of the conduct of the troops during the past trying week, and of their accomplishment of the recent march from Springfield across the Tugela.

General Buller added that the men ought not to think that because they had retired from Spion Kop all their work was of no avail. In his opinion they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, where he hoped to be within a week. He called for cheers for the Queen.

IMPORTANT ACTION BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

TRANSPORTS FOR DURBAN RECALLED TO CAPETOWN.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief in South Africa, has recalled to Capetown two transports conveying artillery and cavalry which had been ordered on to Durban.

THE ACTION PRECEDING THE SPION KOP ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

Additional particulars of the fighting which took place between Sir Charles Warren's forces and the Boers, chiefly on the 21st instant, near Spion Kop, and preceding the battle of Spion Kop, give the British casualties as follows:—24 killed, 294 wounded, and seven missing.

The first battalion Border Regiment, the second battalion West Surrey Regiment, the second battalion East Surrey Regiment, the second battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, and the second battalion Dublin Fusiliers suffered the worst.

THE SPION KOP REVERSE.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

"A PERFECT INFERNO."

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Further details have been received of the fighting at Spion Kop on Wednesday. Desperate fighting took place throughout the whole day, much of the conflict being waged in a thick mist.

The Boer riflemen defended the edge of the plateau, which concealed further back on the tableland a very strong defensive position.

The enemy's guns commanded the whole of the ground which the British must traverse, and possessing the exact range they poured in a fearful fire upon the British regiments.

The scene was a perfect inferno.

The battle surged backwards and forwards all day, though Mr. Bennet Burleigh, the special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," declared that at the close the British secured the whole of the commanding position and commenced to strongly entrench themselves.

Lieutenant-General Warren's reinforcements in crossing open ground lost heavily.

The Boers under the command of Louis Botha made frantic efforts to subdue the British, and repeatedly rushed into the open, pretending to flee, with a view to drawing their opponents.

Some of the British were captured through the failure of their ammunition.

The Naval guns lent valuable aid.

The British artillery was less advantageously placed than that of the Boers, whose massed guns took the British completely by surprise.

Jan. 31.

Further details which have been received of the battle on Spion Kop show that when aware that the British held the highest part of the mountain the Boers, from an invisible position on lower ground, opened a terrific smokeless crossfire of shells and shrapnel, besides using their rifles.

The British thrice advanced, but were compelled to retire. They endured for two hours the heaviest shelling that has occurred during the war, being raked on all sides. For a long time they were unable to locate the guns of the enemy, but ultimately silenced several, otherwise it would have been impossible to remain on the kop.

The British gradually pushed forward until the evening when they held the whole hill.

What induced the abandonment of the position is still a mystery.

LORD DUNDONALD RECROSSES THE TUGELA.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

A Reuter's message states that Major-General Lord Dundonald with his mounted brigade recrossed the Tugela River on Saturday, and that Major-General Lyttelton's brigade still occupies its original position.

THE CAMPAIGN IN CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, Jan. 31.

The head-quarters of Lieutenant-General T. Kelly-Kenny, who commands a column in northern Cape Colony, are at Rosmead Junction, a few miles south of Naauwpoort.

[A recent cable announced that the British forces had occupied Thebus, an important position near Steynsburg. The occupation of the position facilitates communication between the columns of Lieutenant-General Sir. W. F. Gatacre and Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny.]

PATHETIC MESSAGES FROM LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Pathetic messages have been received from Ladysmith by heliograms. The soldiers and townsfolk are on the ramparts watching for and awaiting the arrival of the relieving column.

EXPLOSION AT A JOHANNESBURG SHELL FACTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

A Johannesburg refugee who has reached Durban reports that an explosion took place at a large shell factory at Johannesburg on January 20, causing great loss of life. The factory was originally Begbie's engineering works. The Boer shell supply is reported to be imperilled by the explosion.

FICTITIOUS CABLE OF BRITISH LOSSES.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

It is stated that the Consul of the Transvaal Government at Delagoa Bay received information from Pretoria that 2000 British were captured at Spion Kop, and that the Portuguese authorities cabled this fiction to Europe.

PROPOSALS OF PEACE FROM DR. LEYDS.

CONCESSIONS OF TERRITORY DEMANDED.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal Plenipotentiary to the European Powers, says that the Boer conditions of peace will include the concession of certain territory and seaports to the Transvaal Government.

FORTY THOUSAND ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Including the Eighth Division of the Army Corps, which is mobilising, there are now 40,000 additional British troops afloat, or under orders, for South Africa.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENT TO LORD ROBERTS' STAFF.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Lieutenant-Colonel Byron, of the Queensland artillery, has been attached to Lord Roberts' staff as an extra aide-de-camp.

BOER AMBULANCE CORPS ARMING.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

Members of ambulance corps which recently arrived at Pretoria from Delagoa Bay have discarded their badges and have been supplied with rifles.

A FRENCH ARTILLERIST.

LONDON, Jan. 30

It is reported that M. Villebois-Marcuil, the French artillerist who is assisting the Boers at Ladysmith, has gone to Colesberg.

THE SITUATION.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Severe as was the repulse which Sir Redvers Buller suffered in his endeavour to oust the enemy from Spion Kop, it is evident that the movement was not accompanied by what might be called a disaster. The Pretoria version of the fighting which took place yesterday week was of such a character that had it been approximately true, the effect would have been to postpone for an indefinite period the relief of Ladysmith. The meagreness of the information which came from our own official sources, and which was at first devoid of anything explanatory of the motives that caused the Tugela to be recrossed by Sir Charles Warren's division, did not help to allay the feeling of apprehension consequent upon so unmistakable a retreat. We have now fuller accounts of the fighting. We also know that Lord Dundonald's brigade has not been cut off; and that it has joined the main division south of the Tugela, whilst Major-General Lyttelton's brigade is still in possession of the ground it formerly occupied north of Potgieter's Drift. There has been a repulse of a serious character. The retreat, so far as it is possible to judge by the information which has come from the seat of war, has rendered the strategical position of the relieving force worse, and will furthermore have moral results prejudicial to the British. Notwithstanding this discouraging aspect of affairs, no disaster, no rout, has occurred. Who has not fully realised the possibility of the advancing force, confronted by scientifically and strongly fortified positions, having to suffer repulse?

Artillery has become the great factor of modern warfare. Cavalry, or perhaps infantry, may be essential to complete victory, but only in proportion as artillery fire has been effective. On Spion Kop the guns of the enemy, placed in a very strong defensive position on a tableland, completely surprised the British, and their fire helped to create a perfect inferno. It may be inferred that Sir Charles Warren was at the outset unaware of these fortifications; or that at least his knowledge of them was imperfect, otherwise we would not have been assured that the position taken up on the kop by Major-General Woodgate dominated the whole of the enemy's entrenchments, which were thought to be untenable. In regard to the topography of Natal it is very feasible that Dr. Leyds has accurate information. He may be more perfectly posted up in it than our generals seem to be, but the British public has reason not to place confidence in his statements. His explanation of the position occupied by Major-General Woodgate on Spion Kop, however, agrees to a large extent with the reports which have come from British sources. The troops which so gallantly scaled the heights on the Tuesday night could not command the entrenchments of the Boers. On the contrary, the latter on more distant ridges, separated by an open tableland, commanded the British force. There could have been no big guns of the enemy on the part of the kop which was captured. General Joubert had picked out a more suitable point from which to direct his artillery fire.

Looking to the British position, the first striking feature is that the artillery was disadvantageously located. The guns could not be hoisted on to the kop, we were at first informed. It will be remembered that the British climbed the mountain in the first instance on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, and that as soon as daylight appeared the Boer attack commenced, lasting throughout the day. There was, therefore, very little opportunity to strengthen the ground. What fortifications and entrenchments were available to Major-General Woodgate had to be constructed during the progress of the battle. Of course the kops of South Africa are studded with great boulders, which are in themselves natural fortifications. And we may take it for granted that the British were not absolutely shelterless. The main arm, however, employed in this battle was artillery. It was a contest largely between melinite and lyddite. Under equal conditions there is no need to fear such a battle. At Spion Kop the guns of the British were placed disadvantageously, and their opponents held a commanding position.

The losses of the British were severe. We do not know, nor are we likely to learn, what the Boer losses were. It is stated that the naval guns lent valuable aid, in which case it may be assumed that the enemy suffered considerably. But, after all, Mr. Bennet Burleigh, who has seen many battles, declares that at the close of the day the British held the whole of the commanding position, and commenced to entrench themselves. The term "commanding position" in this case might be subject to qualification. There was, however, no rout. At daylight on the following morning the British left the kop, as far as we know, without further mishap. Two motives for the abandonment, irrespective of the strength of the Boers, might be stated. No water was available there, which in a heat of 112° is an important consideration, when men have to fight 14 or 15 hours at a stretch; and the artillery could not be got into a favourable position, no doubt through lack of opportunity. Whatever motives impelled the abandonment of the part of the kop held by the British, Sir Redvers Buller, who evidently thought that the abandonment should not have taken place, regarded a retreat across the Tugela as the inevitable consequence of it. The object of the British was defeated, but as long as Ladysmith, weary of waiting as it must be, can hold out, the repulse ought to create disappointment but not alarm.

The latest news received to-day gives no encouragement to pessimism. Briefly stated, Sir Redvers Buller told his troops they ought not to think, because they had retired from Spion Kop, that all the work done was of no avail. In his opinion they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, where he hoped to be within a week. If the general has been correctly reported he must be very confident of the future. He certainly is able to speak with some authority, although his expectations in regard to Spion Kop were not realised. Sir George White can resist his besiegers for a good deal more than a week. What, however, is the road which General Buller intends to traverse? Presumably it is by a line passing west at Onderbroek. Here, again, the country is irregular, and some heavy fighting must be expected. But from a point about six miles north of the Tugela and about an equal distance from the railway there is a line of advance which, despite its difficulties, ought to be possible to the formidable body of men commanded by Sir Redvers Buller. To hold the key to the road is essential. Once away from the neighbourhood of the Tugela there need be no further Spion Kops to capture. There must be, however, one or two hard battles before the British guns can be lodged within range of Middle Hill.

MOVEMENTS IN THE SOUTH.

We attach importance to the report that Lord Roberts has recalled to Capetown two transports conveying artillery and cavalry which had been ordered to Durban. The Commander-in-Chief evidently thinks these reinforcements can be better utilised in other directions than in the march to Ladysmith which General Buller hopes to make. At the same time we learn that Lieutenant-General Kelly-Kenny, one of the divisional commanders, has his headquarters at Rosmead Junction. He is in communication both with Lieutenant-General French, who is operating to the north, near Colesberg, and with the commander of the third division, Sir William Gatacre, who is at work south of Stormberg. The reinforcement of these commands would be significant. Long ago the advance of the Boers further south into Cape Colony was checked. Since the battle of Magersfontein strong reinforcements of artillery, cavalry, and infantry have landed in Capetown. The Commander-in-Chief ought long ago to have been able to supply General Methuen with any troops or guns which he required. If the recall of the transports is any indication at all of a determination to concentrate troops in the south or the west, the character of this war will speedily be changed, whether Ladysmith is relieved at an early date or not. The Boer invasion of British territory was at the beginning triumphant. A counter invasion into Boer territory, although made tardily, would disorganise the enemy's plans. Its chief advantage is that it would allow of fighting to be done on fairer terms.

RELIEVING LADYSMITH.

The cables tell us that General Buller hopes to relieve Ladysmith within a week, and with the smart work that General Lord Roberts will put in on the other side of the country, there will possibly be a general advance. It has been pointed out in the "Herald" that the Boers cannot stand great losses. There can be no wonder that General Buller at once refused an exchange of prisoners, which is simply a business way of saying that the men on the H.M.S. Penelope and our men in Pretoria will remain there until the war is over. There is reason to believe that Ladysmith will never capitulate. They can put up with the hardships. The west country General has told his men they must not think anything about the reverse at Spion Kop, and that he believes he will relieve Ladysmith in seven days.

TRANSPORT WAGGONS FOR THE WAR.

At a meeting of the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures, held last night, amongst the outward correspondence read was the following:—

"January 3, 1900.

"Hon. John See, Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

"Sir,—Reverting to the deputation from this chamber, which waited upon you yesterday re the subject of transport waggons, I have the honour to state that after a personal inspection by a sectional committee who are thorough experts in the manufacture and construction of such waggons, the carriage builders of this city are prepared to build the buckboard waggons, highly approved of by the Imperial authorities, with pole and brake, to carry 10cwt. A reasonable number could be manufactured within a week, and a constant supply of from 25 to 50 every succeeding week. As to the Army Service waggons, these also can be manufactured, but I am not yet in a position to go into details as our sectional committee have the matter still in hand, but you may safely cable that the latest description of army waggon, namely, Mark VIII., can be manufactured and immediately issued out in quantities. As to the prices there will be no great difference in the cost between New South Wales and England. Hoping to hear that you have sent a cable on. I remain, &c., G. T. CLARKE, secretary."

The secretary said no more than an acknowledgment had been received to the letter. He understood a cable had been sent to England by the Government after it was sent in. What was the outcome of the cable he did not know.

The president, Mr. C. Ludowici, said he was told the Imperial authorities had come to the conclusion that a sufficiently good waggon could not be made in these colonies. From a private cable received he understood the supplies of waggons needed had since been secured in Africa. He thought a more full reply should be received by the chamber from the New South Wales Government.

Mr. W. Sandford, of the Eskbank Iron and Steel Works, said he had been expecting a large order for axles and ironwork for the transport waggons. He had all the machinery ready, but nothing came of it.

Mr. S. Simpson said if an order had been placed in New South Wales good transport waggons could have been turned out very quickly.

The general feeling at the meeting seemed to be one of disappointment on the subject.

A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT.

Evidence has not been wanting throughout the struggle that is taking place between the British troops on the one hand and the burghers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State Republic on the other that the Boers and the Orange Free Staters do not hesitate to indulge in misrepresentation, whilst their facility in the art of trickery has been carried to such an extent as to astonish and even nonplus the Britishers, especially when it takes the shape of raising a white flag, either with the object of getting out of a tight corner by slaughtering the unsuspecting British troops when the bugle sounded "cease firing," or to enable a body of their compatriots to escape. This fact has been testified to in numerous instances by Imperial officers, hence it will scarcely be credited that Mr. M. T. Steyn, President of the Orange Free State, has actually sent a letter to Sir Alfred Milner, High Commissioner of South Africa, not only denying the truth of the statement of Lieutenant-Colonel Kekewich of Kimberley that the forces of the two Republics investing Kimberley have frequently made unfair use of the white flag, but charging the British troops with abusing the flag of truce.

The matter comes under notice by reason of the fact that we have received from Dordrecht, in Holland, a copy of the letter printed on a handbill, which also contains a circular letter forwarded by Mr. Steyn to the consuls of foreign Powers at present in the Orange Free State, in which he reiterates the charge against the Imperial troops. Another handbill also received from the same source reprints from the "Standard and Diggers' News" an affidavit from Philip Kock, nephew and adjutant of General J. H. M. Kock, who was fatally wounded at Elandslaagte, and subsequently died in Ladysmith, charging the British with treating General Kock badly, and also with acting brutally to other Boer prisoners. The affidavit need only be read to show at a glance Mr. P. Kock's hatred of the English, and this, of course, materially discounts the statements in his affidavits.

THE NEW FIELD BATTERY.

The new battery of guns for the New South Wales Field Artillery were to be ready for inspection on December 31, in the British Arsenal, where they were being made. That information was conveyed to the Premier by the Agent-General in a letter he wrote on December 6, and which reached Sydney on January 15. That is the last which has been heard of the guns by the Government, but unless anything quite unforeseen happened the battery should arrive here early in March.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION.

The military authorities have informed the Premier that there are 25,270 rifles in the colony, all of which are "useful." About 8000 are first-class; but the grades of quality of the others are not indicated. According to evidence given on oath before a recent Military Court of Inquiry some of the rifles in the colony have honeycombed barrels and "shoot round corners." However, in view of the difficulty of immediately getting firearms the Premier intends to arrange for ammunition for the several classes of barrel comprised in the 25,270 rifles.

THE CADETS.

A suggestion has been made to the Minister for Education that opportunity should be given to the Cadets to take part in some demonstration which will have relation to the despatch of troops to South Africa. The matter is under consideration, and a meeting of school teachers who will devote some attention to the subject will be held at the Girls' High School, Castlereagh-street, on Saturday morning.

N.S.W. OFFICERS AT THE FRONT.

The complaint conveyed in some letters published in the "Herald" from New South Wales officers of the first contingent now at the front, to the effect that their claims to positions befitting their rank were made subservient to the claims of Victorian officers, has excited a good deal of comment in the city. When the matter was mentioned to Major-General French a day or two ago he remarked, "It is a very unfortunate thing and should not have happened." It is difficult to see how the matter can be remedied, as it is one now purely of military organisation or administration, but it is understood that the New South Wales authorities are to prepare a report dealing with the subject for presentation to the Cabinet.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE SERGEANT-MAJOR GRIFFIN.

A meeting of comrades and friends of the late Sergeant-major Griffin (1st Australian Horse), who was killed near Rensburg by the Boers, was held at the Angel Hotel, Pitt-street, on Tuesday night. Mr. F. Cavill presided. Several members of the deceased's regiment were present, as well as of the Naval Artillery Volunteer Corps, of which Sergeant-major Griffin had also been a member. It was decided that a memorial should be erected to his memory in some suitable public place, and that the Mayor and aldermen be approached with a view of obtaining consent to it being placed in the Town Hall. A considerable sum was subscribed in the room. Messrs. Oom and R. White were appointed joint honorary secretaries, as representatives of the N.A.V. and Australian Horse. It was mentioned that Sergeant-major Griffin had been the first man in New South Wales to volunteer for service in South Africa, but unfortunately the first from this colony to be killed.

FUNERAL OF TROOPER MEEHAN.

BURIED WITH MILITARY HONOURS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The remains of Trooper Meehan, who died as the result of typhoid fever, for which he was landed, were accorded a military funeral to-day. A large company of volunteers and a military band took part in the procession, and the coffin was carried on a gun carriage. The streets were crowded during the passing of the cortege.

THE LANCERS.

We learn that the offer of the 50 additional Lancers to serve in South Africa has been remitted to Colonel Mackay (Vice-President of the Executive Council) with the view to consideration by him of some matters of detail. Major-General French has been communicated with by the Premier on the subject, and it is thought extremely likely that the offer will be accepted.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

Mr. P. Weston, draper, has received the following letter from his brother James, a member of the New South Wales Lancers:—"Arundel, December 22.—We are always kept going. What with reconnoitring, scouting, and patrolling, my time is pretty well taken up. Have been warned to go out to-night on cossack post. You may not know what this means. Seven of us go out to take up a position where you can see intervening country pretty well and watch for any signs of the enemy. We are sometimes sent out to scour the country and find out the enemy's position. The first intimation we have is a shower of rifle bullets or a puff of smoke, or a shell from some of their guns drops uncomfortably close. We have had some very narrow escapes. I had an exciting time last Saturday. I was out with an officer on patrol. We saw two columns of Boers moving down on a position of ours that was defended by only two guns. We had only time to gallop under cover of a hill when the Boers opened fire and shelled our position with eight guns. The lieutenant of patrol told me to mount and ride like the wind to our main camp and report what I saw. I at once mounted and had a good look around, and drove the spurs into my horse's flank. He at once responded, reared straight up into the air, and then stretched himself out. He flew across the plain, followed by bullets and shells, but was just a little too much for them. Every shot fired fell behind me. I was curious enough to look back and watch the shells burst. I think had I been asked to ride into the enemy's position I would have done so, I felt so elated. The New South Wales Lancers do most of the patrolling and reconnoitring, which is most dangerous work. You are continually being sniped at. There are plenty of provisions in this camp. Sometimes rum is served out. We never miss the rum parade, for we take it as a medicine. There are 12 of us in camp."

PROPOSED SMALL ARMS FACTORY.

Under date of January 22 the New South Wales Chamber of Manufactures wrote to the Colonial Secretary urging upon the Government the immediate necessity of providing 20,000 stand of arms and the establishment of a small arms ammunition factory, so that the colony might be defensibly equipped in case of emergency.

The chairman said it was understood it was impossible for the Government to get the desired supply of rifles. It had been suggested that an ammunition company in Victoria could supply cartridges, &c., if required.

THE TASMANIAN CONTINGENTS.

HOBART, Wednesday.

A meeting of ladies convened by Viscountess Gormanston to-day decided to raise money and donations of material to send clothing and comforts to the contingents. Numerous working centres have been formed.

Captain Cameron, writing to the Premier and also to the Mayor of Hobart, expresses the gratitude of the Tasmanian contingent for the Christmas greetings. The health of the men, he says, is excellent except for the prevailing ailment, diarrhœa. His men are smart, willing, and soldierly always.

THE LOSSES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The Agent-General cables under date January 30 that it is estimated that our loss at Tugela during the last fortnight has been 1400. The total loss up to date is 9000, including 2700 prisoners and 350 deaths from sickness. Dr. Leyds states that the enemy's loss is only 1400 since the outbreak of the war. It is probable that 5000 is nearer the mark.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS CARD.

From Ladysmith Mr. William White, of Dubbo, has received a war souvenir sent by a relation as a Christmas card. A piece of brown wrapping paper for cartridges, bearing the ammunition factory inscription, "Cartridges, S.A., ball ·303in. cordite, 15-7-95, Mark II.," was used, and on this was written, "Fired at Boers to-day. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Arthur, Ladysmith, Xmas, 1899." This greeting came from Lieutenant White, 2nd Rifles Brigade.

THE BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

DONATION LIST SLOWLY GROWING.

WORK AT THE CAMP.

By the end of this week or early in the next the whole of the units, so far as the men and the non-commissioned officers are concerned, will be formed. As stated yesterday, no more passes into camp are being issued, so that there only remains the testing of the men already before the officers or those who received passes prior to yesterday. There are between 800 and 900 men now in camp who are volunteers for the Bushmen's Contingent, and it is fully expected, taking past averages as a criterion, that the ranks will be filled before the whole of that number has been examined. In that case men who form the surplus may pass into the third contingent. An arrangement was made by Colonel Airey yesterday that any men who having passed the riding tests wanted to know at once whether their shooting would carry them through could be at once examined at the butts, instead of waiting for tuition and practice. If they pass they enter the contingent, but if they fail they will have no further chance at the butts. The purchase of horses was continued yesterday, and 15 animals were obtained, making the total bought to date 114. That number added to the gift horses brings the aggregate in camp to 311. Then there are 95 new saddles and 20 purchased privately, being a total of 115. The fund, as will be seen below, is now £25,246 14s 3d, and recently the donations have not flowed in too freely. The committee rely on obtaining a more generous response to the appeal made both for money and horses, because the cost of equipping and maintaining a force of 500 mounted men during the currency of the war is a heavy sum. Many generous donations of money and horses have been made, and a special appeal is proffered to those persons who are in a position to assist to do so now, in order that a force characteristic of the colony can be sent to the front.

Each of the four companies to be formed are to be of an established strength of 125, including a captain and four subalterns. By Saturday next 120 uniforms will have been supplied, and about that number of men will attend the cricket match to be played in aid of the fund. By the end of next week all the uniforms will have been delivered at the camp. The men are to wear leather leggings instead of puttees, as at first proposed.

The last rifle test resulted in 132 men out of 172 passing. The names of those men have been formally entered, and in the course of a day or two most of them, or perhaps all, will be attested. It was at first intended to complete each unit as the number of men required passed, but it has been found that small causes tend to operate against the fulfilment of the intention. As a fact, no roll of units can be complete for a few days because changes will be constantly made. Until a final official list is available it would be misleading to publish varying catalogues of names.

The prospective officers now in camp were drilled yesterday by Captain Wilcox. Three new candidates were tested in horsemanship, but only one, Mr. Healey, acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the judges. Mr. Healey is not in the military service, but the two gentlemen who failed are. Captain Onslow Thompson (Mounted Rifles) went into camp as field adjutant yesterday, his services during the preparation of the contingent having been sought. The "A" Company as at present constituted was drilled by Captain Thomas.

The service equipment for the contingent is being attended to by Colonel Taunton, A.Q.M.G. Several springcarts have now been built, and an experiment in the way of a four-wheeler springless waggon has been made. The springcarts may be useless for carrying heavy loads over rocks, but the Cape military authorities have many uses for them, and can replace them with suitable vehicles.

An amusing incident has occurred at the camp in connection with the donation of horses. A day or two ago a telephone message was sent to the camp by the railway authorities that 22 horses consigned by Mr. A. B. Bettington were waiting at Darling Harbour. Nearly all the horses sent in to the contingent are conveyed to Darling Harbour, whence they are taken away by messengers from the camp. When the responsible officer heard of the 22 horses for which an owner was wanted he was delighted, because it promised a big assistance to his horse lines. So the animals were sent for, and having reached camp were promptly branded "AB" (Australian Bushmen) on the off fore hoof. Then the trouble came. The Lancers' half-squadron at Parramatta were anxiously waiting the arrival of 22 horses promised them by Mr. Bettington, and when inquiries were made the truth of the position came out. Yesterday afternoon a mournful procession of 22 horses, and 11 men leading them, marched from the camp to Darling Harbour, and the men only returned to the camp. The non-commissioned officer whose duty it is to keep tally of the horses, when asked yesterday how many he had in camp, answered most pathetically, "Twenty-two short."

Lieutenant J. A. Newton (Scottish Rifles) and Messrs. T. M. Laycock and A. G. Eckford have been directed to report themselves at the camp for duty as officers.

The ultimatum made in camp to-day that the number of men to be sent is to be 250 created satisfaction amongst the officers and men. The Premier watched men at work this afternoon and expressed satisfaction at the progress made. Additional volunteers are presenting themselves each day for examination. The greatest care is being taken in the selection of the horses, 250 of which are now in the lines.

The following are the trumpeters who have been finally selected for the contingent:—

Trumpeter R. Threllfall	Trumpeter A. T. Brown
Trumpeter W. H. Mankey	Trumpeter G. W. Preston
Trumpeter H. M'Koy	Trumpeter R. Peck
Trumpeter S. J. Taylor	Trumpeter A. E. Mason.

It is announced that the Ambulance Corps of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, have offered to supply a quantity of roller and triangular bandages, old linen, &c. This offer has been accepted by the executive.

The following is the subscription list to yesterday's date:—

	£	s	d
Amount previously acknowledged ...	£24,960	0	7
Frank Coffee, Sydney ...	25	0	0
W. J. Grogan, Groganville, Tangmangaroo	2	2	6
Per favour of G. Kennedy, Gunning—			
Mrs. A. Kennedy, Inglewood, Gunning	1	1	0
E. C. Barbour, Gundowringa ...	1	1	0
W. F. Lawry, Sydney ...	5	5	0
Wm. H. Yates, Waverley ...	2	2	0
C. G. Tindal, Ramornie ...	50	0	0
Alfred C. Brayne, Narrabri West ...	1	0	0
Per favour of Mr. Jas. Kidd—			
John M'Donald, Mungie Bundie ...	10	0	0
Chas. Parbury, Union Club ...	25	0	0
Fred. N. Parbury, Union Club ...	5	0	0
Gordon Burrow ...	0	2	3
W. H. Holt, Sydney ...	5	5	0
John M. Creed, 193 Elizabeth-street ...	3	3	0
Noyes Brothers, Sydney ...	50	0	0
Money collected at a lecture given by Mr. James Coghlan, Sunny Corner, per favour of Mr. H. H. Bryant ...	3	6	[illegible]
Subscriptions collected at the London Bank Bank of Australia, Ltd., Pitt-st., city ...	2	0	0
Half the net proceeds of a matinee performance at Her Majesty's Theatre on the 15th instant, per favour of Mr. J. C. Williamson and Colonial Secretary ...	67	11	11
Total ...	£25,216	14	3

The following is the list of donations of horses to yesterday's date:—

	Horses.
Number previously donated ...	212
Thos. Robertson and Bros., Gundabooka, Bourke	1
Mr. Elwyn, Gunyan, per favour of Mr. C. F. Tyndal, Ramornie ...	2
Total ...	215

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE FUND.

At the request of the Hon. John See, Minister for War, the City Council has consented to devote the proceeds of the civic concert to be held at the Town Hall on Saturday night next to the Bushmen's Fund, and by the courtesy of the committee 120 members of the contingent, in full uniform, will attend the concert, and occupy seats on the platform. A feature of the occasion will be the naval and military decorations of the hall, and a highly patriotic vocal and instrumental programme will be provided. Mr. Walter Bentley has been specially engaged to recite "The Charge of the Light Brigade," with special organ effects, and in all probability a squad of the Naval Brigade will give a display.

At a meeting of the executive of the sports to be held at the Agricultural Grounds on Wednesday, February 21, in aid of the Bushmen's Contingent Fund, it was agreed that the charge for admission shall be 1s and 1s extra for grand stand. It is proposed to hold the whole of the sports in costume. The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir F. Darley, and Major-General French have extended their patronage to the sports; also Messrs. Williamson, Rickards, and Holloway have volunteered assistance.

THE MOVEMENT IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Funds are coming in slowly for the Bushmen's Contingent. Several mining companies are voting donations, and a number of municipal councils are also voting sums to swell the fund. The work of selecting men for the contingent commenced at Victoria Barracks yesterday. Over 300 candidates presented themselves. A number of these were rejected as quite unsuitable. At the close of the day's work 51 had been selected to go into camp at Langwarrin, they being passed as good horsemen and fair shots. The work of selection will be continued daily until some 500 men are chosen, half of which will be for the Bushmen's Contingent and the other half for future emergencies.

TASMANIA'S QUOTA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Tasmanian Government has decided to send 25 bushmen to Africa. They will be attached to the New South Wales contingent. Most of them will find their own horses.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Rev. G. S. Oakes, of Kelso, has received an intimation from a private source that he may be

offered the chaplaincy of the Bush Contingent, which leaves about the end of February, and that in the event of this being the case the Bishop will not make any objection to Mr. Oakes accepting the position.

BINGARA, Wednesday.

The volunteers for the Transvaal started to-day, riding their own chargers.

BOMBALA, Wednesday.

Three residents of Delegate, viz., Messrs. Horsman, Hardaker, and Harrison, arrived here en route to enlist for the Bushmen's Contingent. Horsman was entertained by the Mountain Masonic Lodge, and presented with an emblem in the shape of a sword. Horsman, who has been in the Mounted Police many years, intends going to South Africa whether his services are accepted for the contingent or not.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Mr. P. P. Abbott has inaugurated a fund to supply the men selected in this district for the Bushmen's Contingent with horses and outfit. Already 11 smart young fellows who have proved capable shots and riders have left for Sydney, the latest to leave being Gilbert Leigh, Harry King, Innes Goodwin, Thomas Goodwin. Efforts to obtain the necessary horses and money are meeting with a good response. Mr. Richard Alcock and Mr. William Marshall each donated a horse, Mr. W. O. Atkins one saddle. Mr. Cecil Bloxsome's children this morning collected £7 3s 9d.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

An enthusiastic demonstration was held last night in connection with the Bushmen's Contingent. A torchlight procession of the 1st Australian Horse and volunteers, headed by the town band, paraded the streets. A meeting was held at the Town Hall, which was crowded. The Mayor presided, and addresses were delivered by Archdeacon Campbell, Mr. Richards, M.L.A., and Mr. George Davidson. Patriotic songs were given by Messrs. Redmond, Cameron, M'Donald, and Duesbury. Mr. W. Lester recited "The Absent-minded Beggar." £4 5s 10d was thrown on the stage. A collection amounted to £9 10s 2d; £30 4s 6d was given, and £21 17s promised; total, £65 17s 6d.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

Mr. A. G. Manning, of Kilgowla station, opened a bushmen's contingent fund. Over £15 has been subscribed.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Major Burnage, the officer commanding the "A" (Newcastle) Company of the 4th Infantry Regiment, has been summoned to Sydney, and expects to be appointed as an officer of the Bushmen's Contingent. He volunteered for each of the three New South Wales contingents. Major Burnage is an alderman of the City Council and is now retiring by effluxion of time. In view of his probable departure for the front he has decided not to seek re-election as a representative of Macquarie Ward in the council.

PATERSON, Wednesday.

Mr. R. Ninnes, of Vacy, has applied to join the Bushmen's Contingent.

TEMORA, Wednesday.

W. G. Fyfe and William Cullen leave to-day with the intention of joining the Bushmen's Contingent. Both men are being equipped and provided for by Mr. James Robertson, manager of Mimosa station. Last night a send-off was tendered to Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Lachlan Robertson, of Barmedman station, presiding. Mr. Fyfe has resided in Temora for some years past, and is very popular.

"Backblocker" suggests as a suitable title for the contingent of Australian bushmen shortly to go to South Africa, the "Warrigals," which is equivalent to fierce or brave warriors.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

When forwarding cheque for £67 11s 11d (which was advertised in yesterday's list) half proceeds of the matinee performance of "Little Red Riding Hood," at Her Majesty's Theatre, on January 15, for the entertainment of the second New South Wales Contingent for South Africa, Mr. J. C. Williamson reported as follows:—"Thanks to the fact that on salary day the whole of the company, staff, officials, and orchestra declined to take their salaries, and volunteered to donate the amount to the fund, even the little children giving their mite, I am enabled to give each of the funds (Patriotic and Bushmen's) the sum of £67 11s 11d." The committee of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund desires to thank the company, staff, officials, and orchestra, (245 persons in all), for their efficient and welcome aid to a good cause.

Mr. J. Shortel, the well-known news agent, has made arrangements with the committee of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund for a penny collection by the city news boys. Twenty thousand coupons have been struck off. The face of the coupon shows a newsboy asking for a subscription from a gentleman, who by the genial expression of his countenance and the suggestive position of his hand near his pocket, evidently intends to purchase a coupon. At the foot of the coupon is Mr. Shortel's signature as secretary for the news boys. On the back of every coupon is the stamp of the New South Wales Patriotic Fund. Mr. Shortel starts his campaign on Friday, and anticipates great results, the more so as he has arranged for 12 prizes to be given to the 12 boys selling most coupons.

Messrs. W. S. Park and Son, of 156 Pitt-street, have sent a large case of absorbent cotton wool, containing 105lb., and worth £8 at cost price, for use of the wounded soldiers in South Africa.

The hon. treasurers, Messrs. J. Russell French and T. A. Dibbs, advise:—

Amount previously advised		£15,699 13 5
Granville Patriotic Fund—		
Net result of harbour excursion	£4 12 6	
Lodge Earl Carnarvon, Granville	1 1 0	
R. Fergus Ritchie	2 2 0	
F. H. Darr	1 1 0	
J. J. Wood	2 2 0	
George Coates	1 1 0	
J. Smith and Son	1 1 0	
Marsh Brothers, Limited	5 5 0	
John Percival	1 1 0	
Joseph Peeler, Dr. A. L. Kerr, W. H. Windsor, T. Parker, John Mahony, J. Pope, each 10s	3 0 0	
C. J. Lamb, D. James, each 10s 6d	1 1 0	
Thomas Irons	1 1 0	
Subs. taken in the room	0 9 6	
Sums of 5s and under	1 1 0	
		25 18 0
Collected by Miss Jessie E. Burns, Sutherland—		
J. R. Smith	1 1 0	
Jos. Burns, Misses Burns, A Friend, M. Daly, T. Dendowd, each 10s	2 10 0	
Sums of 5s and under	3 4 9	
		6 15 9
Collected by Bank N.S.W. Forbes (1st instalment)—		
J. and C. Lilly	2 2 0	
D. Berger	0 10 6	
J. D. Hand	3 3 0	
N. A. Gatenby	2 2 0	
A. J. Baldock	1 1 0	
A. J. Reymond	1 1 0	
E. H. Johnson	1 1 0	
J. J. Strickland	0 10 6	
J. Martin	0 10 6	
Thos. Edds and Co., Limited	5 5 0	
Reg. Nicholson	1 1 0	
R. E. Rawlins	1 1 0	
W. Jobson	1 1 0	
Sums under 10s	1 1 0	
		21 10 6
Amount thrown on stage at Her Majesty's Theatre during singing of the "Absent-minded Beggar" by Miss Dorothy Vane (30th instant)		4 2 2
P. D. Dongan (per E. S. and A. Bank, Limited)		1 0 0
T. Wright		0 10 6
Court Native Rose A.O.F., Marrickville (second instalment)		0 5 6
Torres Straits Pilots' Association (per Geo. Banks)		5 5 0
		£15,761 18 10

A praiseworthy incident in connection with the Patriotic Fund has just come to the knowledge of the Minister for Works. It appears the day labour staff employed by the Works Department in carrying out the additions to the General Post Office and Custom House, entirely on their own initiative and without the knowledge of the officers of the department, have donated a sum equal to one half-day's pay each to the fund, the amount so contributed being £18 11s from the men engaged on the Custom-house additions, and £13 6s 4d from those on the works at the General Post Office, or £31 17s 4d in all. Mr. O'Sullivan is exceedingly pleased at this exhibition of patriotic spirit, the more so in that it was without ostentation.

CONCERT AT MARRICKVILLE.

The Town Hall, Marrickville, was crowded with a densely packed audience on Tuesday night at a concert given in aid of the Patriotic Fund. The concert, which was inaugurated by the ladies' auxiliary committee, was under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress and aldermen of the borough. The performers were—Mrs. A. Edward, Misses La Roche, Lalla Ross, C. Buttell, Gross, and Messrs. S. C. Jeffcott, Alex. Edward, J. W. Stent, W. H. Lynch, and Dr. Maguire. Professor Fred. Croft acted as accompanist. The patriotic items in particular were received with much favour, and Miss Connie Buttell's rendering of "The Absent-minded Beggar" was warmly encored, donations of coin being thrown freely on to the stage throughout the performance. Mr. Alex. Edward's rendering of "Soldiers of the Queen," and "When the Empire Calls," were also highly appreciated, an encore being demanded in each case. The concert was a distinct success financially, over £20 being taken for tickets. Miss S. Scott was hon. secretary to the movement.

LECTURE AT BURWOOD.

A lecture was delivered in the Burwood School of Arts on Tuesday night, by Mr. J. B. Youdale, to a large audience, in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Alderman J. W. Cardew presided. The large hall was packed with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Mr. Youdale dealt with some of the causes of the war, and gave an outline of events up to the present time. By the aid of maps and graphic views upon a screen he was enabled to give a picture of South Africa and the Transvaal. The scenes shown embraced geographical and topographical features, and a good idea was gained of the difficulties which the British commanders had to encounter in negotiating the rugged country in which the Boers had entrenched their forces so strongly. Some humorous pictures caused much amusement. The lecturer received hearty applause during the progress of his entertaining lecture.

LECTURE AT HURSTVILLE.

Mr. C. C. Lance delivered on Tuesday evening, in the Hurstville Hall, before a large audience, his lecture on "South Africa and the Boer War." Mr. J. H. Carruthers, M.L.A., occupied the chair. Mr. Lance's songs, the "Soldier's Tear" and "The Absent-minded Beggar," were enthusiastically received. Miss Pryde gave, with splendid effect, the musical items. Votes of thanks to the lecturer and chairman, and the singing by the audience of "God Save the Queen," brought the meeting to a close. The proceeds go entirely to the Hurstville branch of the Patriotic Fund.

A Season Ticketholder writes:—"An 'Australian Patriot' has partly anticipated me in his proposal regarding collection boxes at the cricket match. I would suggest instead, as the object is unique, and as the results of the appeal will be applied to a fund of such wide scope, that members will, for 'this occasion only,' put their season tickets aside, and 'Pay, pay, pay?' as the generous general public will at the entrances."

BATHURST, Wednesday.

At a meeting held at the Bathurst railway station it was decided by the officers of the permanent-way staff of the western division to inaugurate a fund for the purpose of augmenting the Patriotic Fund.

GOSFORD, Wednesday.

A meeting of ladies was held to-day, and a women's branch of the Patriotic Fund was formed. The Mayoress presided.

MILTON, Wednesday.

A ladies' patriotic league was formed yesterday.

MORPETH, Wednesday.

On Monday evening in the School of Arts a meeting was held by the townspeople to form a branch of the Patriotic Fund. The Mayor (Mr. J. White) presided. The Rev. A. C. Thomas moved,—"That this meeting confirms the desirability of forming a branch of the Patriotic Fund." The Rev. J. W. Collier seconded the motion, which was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Hope F. Cuthbertson was appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. A. H. Taylor hon. treasurer. Ladies' and gentlemen's committees were formed, and £11 6s was collected in the hall.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

A ladies' meeting, convened by the Mayoress (Mrs. Pike) to-day, decided on sending about 50 garments to the wounded soldiers, and a subscription list was started. A collection in the Presbyterian Church for the Patriotic Fund realised £5.

SOUTH WOODBURN, Wednesday.

A Patriotic League was established here yesterday. £12 was subscribed in the room.

YOUNG, Wednesday.

The first list of the contributions to the Patriotic Fund has been published, and amounted to £70 8s 4d. The second list closes on February 14, and as many have not yet contributed it is hoped fully £100 will be sent from Young.

THE NEW ZEALAND PATRIOTIC FUND.

OFFER OF MAORI AID.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The native Minister has received many letters from Maoris in all parts of the expressing their loyalty to the Queen, and offering to subscribe money and horses. Some Maoris in the far north have already subscribed £20 as a token they say of their love and sympathy for their mother the Queen, to help her wounded soldiers, and those who may become widows. The Patriotic Fund for Otago and Southland exceeds £11,000.

QUEENSLAND'S THIRD CONTINGENT.

TO BE INCREASED TO 250 MEN.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A large deputation waited on the Premier to-day and urged that more than 150 men should be despatched to South Africa. The Mayor said it would be better for the Government to send 1000 men at once. The committee had not been very successful in raising money for the Bushmen's Contingent, but he thought the committee would guarantee to raise 1000 horses if the Government undertook to send 1000 men.

The Hon. A. J. Thynne said that Queensland, among the other colonies, might lay aside further public works projects, and apply the money to making proper provision for what the colony already possessed, which was worth preserving. The deputation, he said, wished the Government to continue the camp instruction, which would receive the support of all the people in the colony.

Several others urged the Premier to take steps to send more men.

Mr. Philp, in replying, said the best thing Queensland could do was to send as many men and horses as possible. The whole of the colonies were at one in the matter. In Sydney the feeling was more enthusiastic even than in Queensland, as New South Wales had subscribed over £25,000 to the Bushmen's Fund. However, the Queensland Government did not intend to wait till the money was subscribed. As the result of a consultation with his colleagues it had been decided that the present contingent should consist of the same number as the first contingent—250 men with horses. In a fortnight or three weeks Queensland would be able to send these men well equipped. After they had gone the camp would be kept on. If more men were required the Queensland people would back up the Government in sending them. The Government was prepared to take the responsibility of sending men without waiting for the consent of Parliament, as help must be given quickly. We had not only to fight the Boers, but members of European nationalities who were helping them. When the contingents from Queensland and the other colonies left there would be some 6000. If more were required Queensland would not be behind in having these men ready.

At a committee meeting in connection with the proposed bush contingent on Monday, the secretary intimated that subscriptions amounting to £632 had been received. It was arranged that a deputation wait on the Premier to urge the necessity of sending all suitable volunteers to South Africa without limit.

OUR MEN AT THE FRONT.

BOERS AND AUSTRALIANS.

Mr. W. H. Browne, secretary of the Eastern Suburbs Swimming Club, is in receipt of a letter, dated December 19, from Mr. Vincent Davis, a member of the club, who is now with the camp at Enslin, near Modder River. The writer says:—"I have seen many Boer prisoners and wounded, and they give us Australians a nasty hang-dog look. They cannot understand us chipping in at all. In fact, I have heard that they are very anxious to capture us, or some of us, and have even put a price on our heads, at least, so the friendly Basutos and Kaffirs tell us. I have not seen Warrant-officer Bond since we arrived, although we passed within a few yards of his camp near Capetown. The New South Wales Army Medical Corps has proved of great service to the hospital authorities, attending to the sick and wounded whilst we were sent out here into the wilds, where we may be called upon for service or to defend our own camp at any moment. I am sending you some ostrich feathers which we obtained through enticing some ostriches to come near us. There are plenty of fine feathers here. I will doubtless bring some home with me, barring the "Boers." There is no such thing as beer or stimulants to be had, which, as you know, does not trouble me. From present appearances we are likely to be in this part for a long time, as the Boers are very strongly entrenched, in fact, it annoys us when we look at the almost impregnable position that the British troops have taken. None but British soldiers could do it: high kopjes, covered with boulders from bottom to top, all of which have to be climbed over, while the Boers are firing at them all the time from behind the rocks on top. Yet British pluck and determination has accomplished all this. If you only saw the places that the British have forced their way into you would be proud of your British breed."

WITH HORSES AT SEA.

The following letter was received on Saturday night last from Corporal George J. Firman, of the 1st Australian Horse contingent, by a friend in Quirindi:—"On the Langton Grange, December 10, 1899. Dear Jim,—Just a few lines, according to promise. We have been out 27 days to-day, and are supposed to reach Port Natal to-morrow night some time. It has been a very monotonous trip, as we have not seen a boat or craft of any kind for 25 days until to-day. We have had 'whips' of work, I can tell you. There are nearly 700 horses on board, and the least any one man has to look after is 15, and some as many as 18 head. We feed them four times a day, and water them three times with buckets. Some of them are dreadfully thirsty at times. Oh, they are beauties! The first week or so we had to get in with a marling-spike in hand, and give them a little gentle persuasion with it, and then one had to be swift and nimble to look out for oneself. Anyhow, they are a jolly sight worse now. I think they are simply mad from being so long confined. They bite and kick each other all the time, and they treat a man the same when he goes amongst them. But there's no getting out of it—in you have to go. First of all, you take all the rails out from between them, and shift them over as close together as you can, to clean a little piece at a time; then some are shifted back, and you have five or six on each side. Very soon one 'coot' starts to kick or bite, or else the boat gives a lurch—a big one, at that—and you get jammed between them. We are at this game from 5 o'clock in the morning until the last feed at night—about 8 o'clock or half-past. I forgot to mention the sentry's duties at night time. Every man comes on about every fourth night, and corporals have two nights off and one on, and then three nights off and one on, and vice versa. That is, we are on all night long, and go to work the next morning just the same, so you can see it is pretty tough. Corporal Rufus R. Wilson [recently reported to be captured by the enemy at Rensburg on patrol duty, and a son of Mr. Robert Wilson, J.P., of Fairview, near Quirindi] and I come in for the corporal's work, so I hope you will sympathise with us in our trouble. We have some nice work at night sometimes. Horses get down or get tangled up in some dark corner, and the sentry in that part of the vessel has to call all the others to his assistance; that is, if he cannot rescue the animal himself. It is no joke getting in amongst them in the dark, and it is a wonder some of us haven't been killed long before this. Plenty of the men are wounded with bites and light kicks; but it has been a very successful trip so far. We have only put four horses overboard up to the present, and all of them died from lung complaints. They go off very quick if they have weak lungs, and the veterinary surgeons hold a post mortem on the bodies to show us what was the matter."

ENGLAND'S INFERIOR ARTILLERY.

That the British Generals in South Africa are handicapped by the want of artillery that will carry as far as the Boers guns is shown by the following extract from a letter received by Mr. Knight, of Berry, from his son, Trooper J. Knight, who is with the New South Wales Lancers, and writes from Arundel. He says in one place:—"Our guns have shelled the Boers several times, but we cannot get close enough to shell them properly, as old 'Long Tom' speaks up, and he will carry 8000 yards, whilst ours only carry 3500 yards."

A LETTER FROM THE LATE CORPORAL KILPATRICK.

Mr. A. Obermann, of Parramatta, has received a letter from the late Corporal Kilpatrick, dated Naauwpoort, 18-12-'99. The letter reads as follows:—"Dear Albert,—Only seven days to Christmas, and here we are, far from home. We are just at present dismounted on the side of a rocky kopje, watching some of our patrols clearing across a plain to the left, while the Boers are popping away at them from a large range of kopjes a bit further off. Boom! There goes their big gun. Too short. The shell bursts in the rear of our chaps. We have been here now for a fortnight, going out nearly every day patrolling and getting fired upon without being able to fire back, for the Boers are in the kopjes, and we have to move across the plain to them. As soon as we get a few infantry and lyddite guns we hope to shift them slightly. Once in the open, and we shall be down upon them with the lance. They said after the 5th and 9th Lancers had charged through them further up country that it was not right to use sharp sticks that way. The boys from New South Wales have been with us now for over a fortnight, bringing our numbers up to over 100 again. Twenty-eight of the boys were sent to the Orange River several weeks ago. They were under fire a good while before us. Still no one has been shot. Enclosed in the letter were two little faded flowers, plucked from behind the rock on which Corporal Kilpatrick sat as he wrote the letter to his friend, his horse's bridle slung over one arm as he scribbled.

THE MEDICAL CORPS.

The following extracts are taken from a letter from Dr. Perkins, of the New South Wales Medical Corps, written at the Orange River, on December 31:—"Since I last wrote Christmas has come and gone, and although we cannot complain, being on active service is not too jolly a time. We reached here on Christmas Eve, after 570 miles of the most dreary and uninviting country, passing through about 300 miles of absolutely desert—nothing but kopjes or small ranges of grey stones, no grass, no trees, no rivers; only here and there little sandy streams or places where streams have been, which grow a few mimosa trees, somewhat resembling our wattle, and a little low bush, about a foot high, called 'karoo,' which belongs to the same order as our camomile. We are now camped in a natural amphitheatre, right at the Orange River bridge. We have experienced extremely hot weather here during the day time and some of the nights have been intensely cold. There has been a good deal of sickness here. Fiaschi and I have been laid up with dysentery for five days, and we have plenty of patients in hospital. Every day the number is increasing by patients from Modder River, Belmont, and surrounding places. We had two Boer prisoners in the hospital, one a man about 35, from Bloemfontein. He had been shot in the knee, and we photographed the bullet with the Rontgen rays. The other was a mere lad, only 19 years, and was shot in the chest, and the bullet could not be found. The elder man told me he had a wife and seven sons, and a sheep-farm with 3000 sheep, at Bloemfontein. He was badly wounded, and cried like a child while he was telling me about his home and his little ones. He told me he had left home three months and got no pay. The Australians here are doing splendidly. The Lancers have done especially well, and Fiaschi's son has distinguished himself, so that I think Australian troops would be particularly welcome. There has been a great federation among Australian officers. No such thing as Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, &c., but all wear the badge 'Australia' on their shoulder straps. We hear that it will be quite a month before there is much done here. Several of our horses have died since we came here with a disease called sand colic, and many are still sick. I see the Marconi telegraph being worked with kites very close near here, and every night we see read from here signals from Kimberley, but as they are all cypher messages, all I can do is to read the letters. Nearly every train brings down from the Modder some Boer prisoners. I saw four being brought down yesterday in a railway truck with a soldier at each corner with a loaded rifle. The prisoners so far as I have seen appear very lacking in intellect, although experience shows them to have the cunning of the monkey. All along the railway, the 570 miles we have come, at intervals of perhaps a mile, or sometimes only a few hundred yards, the Australian blue gum is planted, and they seem to value it more than we do."

The following are extracts from a letter from Staff-sergeant Hadfield, of the Field Hospital, New South Wales Army Medical Corps, Orange River, received by his wife at Auburn Heights:—"Christmas Day. We have got a little nearer to the front, so I send you a line to let you know how we are getting along. I am sure you have been much upset in reading that stretcher bearers have been fired upon. Within view of my tent is the grave of an officer killed in the first engagement. We are kept very busy, having plenty of patients, including two Boer prisoners—a man with seven children, the other a lad of 18. They had no idea of the reason for the war, only told to up-saddle, and were informed that refusal would mean forfeiture of goods, and probably life. On Wednesday I took part in my first surgical operation, and the commanding officer (Major Fiaschi) called all in the day after the operation, and expressed his great satisfaction to all concerned at the manner of doing the work. I am writing this with water from the Orange River. It scarcely needs the ink pills, it is so soupy; but in spite of its uninviting appearance the evening swim is highly appreciated, owing to the heat and dust of the climate."

Private Howard, No. 58, New South Wales Infantry, writes from Enslin Camp, under date December 21, to his brother, Mr. E. Howard, Raglan-street, Manly:—"There has not been any fighting these last few days: everything has been very quiet. Every morning we give the Boers a couple of shells, but they won't return the fire. They are preparing for a big fight, or else they would shell us. . . . I thought we were in trouble the other night. There was a shot fired, and it frightened all the horses, and they ran down the camp. All of us were ordered out, but it was nothing. It is a fortnight since we arrived at Enslin. There was one place called Belmont, where there had been a fight a couple of days before we got there, and you should have seen the sight of the dead Boers. You would see heads and legs blown to pieces, legs shot clean off, and there were legs in boots. It was a terrible sight. Our chaps had to bury the dead Boers, and all they did was to put a big stone on their chest. We buried all our chaps in trenches."

Mr. William Elliott of Jerilderie has received a letter from his brother, who was one of the 30 New South Wales Lancers who left for South Africa by the Kent:—"Sunday, December 24, 1899. This place is I believe about 560 miles inland. The country around here looks bleak and uninviting. Large plains and high kopjes. The latter we would call ridges in New South Wales. There are no trees on them, nor on the plains either for that matter, nor anything that could be designated timber. The camp which we are in is 70 miles from the Free State border. We are holding this position, and waiting for reinforcements to enable us to push on to the Orange River. There is no picnic about the work we have before us, as we are in the saddle night and day. The only sleep we get is a few hours at a time on the ground, holding our horses ready, and our rifles for pillows. We are going at 3 a.m. to attack a kopje held by the enemy. The boys all hope that this will be accomplished in plenty of time to allow them to return to camp for our Christmas dinner."

THE FIGHT AT CHIEVELEY.

Mr. W. Macpherson, a draper, of Narrabri, has received a letter from Mr. John Maher, a former resident of that place, but now a member of the Natal Light Horse. Writing from Chieveley of the fight that took place there in the effort to relieve Ladysmith, he says:—"We failed to take the position, and in doing so lost over 1000 men killed, wounded, and missing. The Boers lost about 2000 men. I saw it all, for our troops were engaged in some very hot places. It was an awful time. The other battles were mere child's play to this one. The Dutchmen fight like devils, and always keep in the hills. It is not war. It is sheer murder. During the fight we lost 12 cannon, and the volunteers recaptured them. That was the time when the volunteers lost so heavily. The Dutch hate the volunteers like poison, and they (the volunteers) have no love for the Boers. A young Australian chap, Peter Aidy, got off the same day as I did. This battle was the first time he was under fire, and I think he was about the first one to be shot. He was shot by a Dutchman within 200 yards of our lines. The Boer crawled up and hid behind two stones. I am pleased to say that the beggar is there yet. He was shot over 20 times. I fired at him four times, and lots of others had a go at him. The Boers shot at us for over two hours. They were entrenched and well under cover all day. No one but those who were in it can imagine the noise. I am thankful I did not join a foot crowd. They get pepper every time."

THE AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

One of the local volunteers who left with the first contingent, writing on December 18 from Enslin, says:—"The flies and heat were the greatest trouble up to date. Water was scarce, and it was not unusual to be without a wash for three days. Five prisoners were brought into our camp the other day. They were caught spying on our camp, and looked rather crestfallen when brought in. Some of the prisoners were very savage. They wanted to know what Australians were doing over here. We have to turn out at 2 o'clock every morning, and man the trenches until daybreak. We are bright looking soldiers now—not a wash for two days, thick with dust, no coats, and not allowed to shave. Tobacco and beer are great luxuries; in fact they can't be got for love or money."

In another letter the writer says:—"We have joined the other colonials—the South Australians, Victorians, Tasmanians, and Western Australians. The Queenslanders are on the road here. We are to be called the 'Australian Brigade,' and we are under Lord Methuen. We have left the Canadians miles down the country, and lots of regulars further down still. You would think the Boers could hold their own here against the world, but they were driven out in five hours after blowing they would be here for six months. There are a few Boer prisoners here, and I saw a good few at De Aar. They are very rough-looking customers. They are guarding the bridges and villages all the way from Capetown up here. One half the Canadians are putting in a couple of loop lines (railways); the other half are guarding a bridge near Orange River. We were hoping to be home in time for next camp, but we have given up that idea. We do not know as much as you do how things are going on. We only get news from Kimberley; they signal messages from there every now and then."

LETTER FROM PRIVATE E. HINES.

Mrs. E. Hines, of Parramatta, has received a letter from her husband, Private Hines, who is at the front with a portion of the New South Wales Lancers. He writes from Enslin, and describes the battle of Magersfontein and the varying episodes of a soldier's life whilst patrolling and watching the enemy. He asserts that Lord Methuen will have to get more artillery before he can shift the Boers from their trenches in the kopjes. He heard Boer prisoners say that if the British only saw the destruction caused by the lyddite shells they (the British) would never tire them. "One question they will never answer—Why do you fire on our ambulances? They hold their heads down, and do not answer. They are cowards all right. While they are in the kopjes they will fight, but they will not come into the open. . . This is no place for infantry. They (the Boers) get into the kopjes, and you can do nothing but shell them."

Private C. Fowler, a member of the first contingent, has written two letters to his father from Enslin, dated December 15 and 29 respectively. He gives a number of interesting particulars. In describing the journey from Capetown to De Aar he mentions that of 3000 people at Worcester, 109 miles from Capetown, only 80 are British, and of 9000 at Victoria West only 20 are British. These, for their own safety, have to report every morning to the commander of the camp. From Worcester to Enslin the railway line is guarded, there being a guard tent every mile. "At Belmont," he says, "we counted 118 dead and unburied Boers; others had been buried. We have to be in the trenches at 3 every morning; we might be attacked at any minute, as the position we hold is of great importance. . . . At Enslin itself an engagement took place a few days before we reached it, and 22 British were killed and 167 wounded. The Boers lost a couple of hundred, and they are buried on a kopje. You can see their knees, arms, and hands sticking out of the ground. Modder River is only five miles from us, and the other day they pulled out a rope with 35 dead Boers tied to it." Private Fowler describes the Christmas cheer, and says "we get on pretty well here, and are fairly satisfied with our position." He hopes the second contingent will come prepared to rough it, and eat about half a handful of sand at every meal. Whirlwinds, red sandy grasshoppers, and scorpions are plentiful, the scorpions being about 5in. long and shaped like a ray fish.

On Saturday night last Miss Nellie Fogarty, of Quirindi, received a letter from her brother, Trooper Tom Fogarty, First Australian Horse Contingent:—"December 12, 1899.—We had a very hard time of it. Talk about work. You would never believe it all if I told you, although the worst is over now. We are going to unload 300 horses here in the morning, and after that there will not be so much work. I hear we are going straight on to Capetown as soon as we unload. All the boys on the Langton Grange are anxious to have a "go" at the Boers. You should have seen us rush the newspapers when we cast anchor to get all the war news. We have had a good time coming over. It was not very rough, and only five horses died. They say it is a record, and it ought to be from the way we looked after them. You cannot beat a soldier's life; it is the very thing to straighten one up. There is no bend in the back; in fact, one is like a yard of pump-water. We have sword exercise of an evening, also single-sticks and boxing gloves."

Mr. Thomas J. Cate, of Wentworth Falls, has received a letter from his brother who is a corporal in the E Squadron of Brabant's Horse. The writer has been several years in South Africa working on the C.G.R. in various positions, except for six months, when he served in the Bechuanaland Field Force during the Kaffir rebellion of 1887. Corporal Cate was at one time a reservist in the Wentworth Falls C.R. Club, and a member of the Liverpool Mounted Rifles. The letter is written from Bangola Post, near Queenstown, and is dated December 20, 1899. In the course of it Corporal Cate remarks:—"The Boers are, I hear, in a bad state for food and clothes in the field, living principally on their loot of houses and small towns they raid, but their time is drawing near (perhaps slowly, but surely) I am afraid. I hope to help the old flag by bringing down a few before the war is over. Every man who bears a discharge from the war will be O.K. for a good job from all accounts, besides a good medal from the Imperial authorities, perhaps a second one from the Colonial Government. I heard the ribbons are out now for the Langeberg affair of 1897 in Bechuanaland, so I hope to wear at least two medals on my return."

Mr. R. H. Clark, of Raschilli-street, Redfern, has received a second letter from his brother, Trooper Clark, of the New South Wales Lancers. It is dated Modder River, December 17, and left there on December 21. In the course of it Trooper Clark says:—"Since I wrote to you last we had another hot battle about six miles away. We started for Kimberley last Sunday, the 10th, but after getting about six miles away we were attacked by thousands of Boers. The firing began at 2.30 p.m., and a fierce battle lasted until 2.30 on Tuesday, when we had to retire under hot fire back to camp. Both the British and the Boers lost heavily. The British lost a lot of officers as usual. We had two majors belonging to our infantry regiment shot dead. We again had some narrow escapes. We were serving as support to the Artillery, and while the guns were in action we were mixed up with their horses. The Boers fired on the horses. Their shells burst amongst us, but only killed four horses. They have a strong position, and if we break through that we will be lucky; but there will be a lot of blood shed before then. They are all in trenches, and have a real network of barbed wire all over the place to stop horses; but we will get there just the same."

Mr. C. E. Wilke, of West Maitland, is in receipt of the following letter from his brother, Trooper James Wilke, of the New South Wales Lancers, in South Africa:—"Arundel Camp, December 31, 1899. The Australian Horse have joined us, and all the rest of the boys are back from Modder River, after having been in the thick of four large battles right in the front, and with no one hurt. I sat up all night on Christmas Eve making the Christmas puddings, but we were beat for suet. The Boers are keeping a bit quieter this week, and have only fired about a dozen shots from their Long Tom, and have moved up towards Colesberg. We had a grand sports meeting on Christmas Day. We had a terrible hailstorm on Friday, and there was a stampede of horses and mules. Just as the storm started the Lancers got orders to go out, and they had to face it. The hail was cold and very thick. We are now on the advance to Colesberg, and are within five miles of that place. The Boers have a strong position. It will not be long now before we have a big go."

The following is extracted from a letter sent by Private R. Sharpe (New South Wales Mounted Rifles), who has a brother at the front, in a letter received by his father (Camden):—"Steamer Langton Grange, Indian Ocean, December 5. I am at the time of writing a little more than half way to Africa. I have enjoyed the voyage immensely. We have the best of everything to eat, are supplied with 10 packets of cigarettes per man, also writing materials, and we are almost as comfortable as if we were at home. We have to rise at 5 a.m., and be ready to fall in at 5.30. Then we water and feed the horses. I have 12 gun horses under my charge. Some of the other horses are bad with strangles, &c., and two have died. Our send-off at Newcastle was magnificent. Our turn to go on guard comes every four days—24 hours' guard, too—and we have to do our stable duty as well. We do not get our work done till about 9 o'clock at night—from 5 in the morning. In the spare time in the evening we have single-stick, sword, bayonet, and rifle drills. We have jolly times. Everyone tries to help each other. We have plenty of papers and books. My horse has improved wonderfully on the trip, and is fat as a whale; in fact, most of us have got fat. December 13.—We arrived at Port Durban yesterday with the flag half-mast for a passenger, who died since we got into port. We expect to see actual war soon."

Private W. Nash, a member of the New South Wales Infantry Contingent, writing to his parents from Enslin camp, under date December 24, says that matters were at that time more comfortable than was the case earlier in the campaign. Supplies of every kind were very dear, and the heat during the daytime registered 106° in the shade. The New South Wales men, it appeared, got on very well with their comrades from the other colonies except in the case of the Victorians, who were jealous that the former were marked as the senior company in the battalion.

Another member of the contingent in a letter which shows signs of hard times good humouredly refers to the hardships of the field—there is not even a cigarette to be had, he says. The writer says the contingent could see fighting going on some distance away, and all hands were wishing to take part.

Private Jones, ex-volunteer, writing from Crown-street, considers that Corporal Robinson, in his letter that appeared in the "Herald" on Friday last, under the heading "An Old Dog for a Hard Road," made a very sensible suggestion when he proposed that as serious inroads are being made into our local forces by the sending away of so many trained volunteers the old volunteers in the city should be called together to form a regiment of "home guards" under easy discipline.

Referring to the same letter, "Ex-Major" observes:—"Corporal Robinson must surely be a new chum, for who has not heard of the National Guard, composed chiefly of veterans who have seen service at home and abroad. Speaking of 'an old dog for a hard road,' he suggests that old volunteers should be called together to form a 'regiment of home guards.' Permit me, Sir, to remind our comrade and other 'Absent-minded Beggars' that the 'National Guard' has been in existence for more than three years. It is composed of all sorts and conditions of men, linked together by one common interest, to keep alight in our midst the sacred fire of patriotism. We have a rifle club managed by ourselves, and in outside contests we have beaten several 'crack clubs.' Thus the veteran can still 'take them in,' and, if needful, pot our possible invaders with the best of them. What more could any veteran desire?"

OPINIONS OF FOREIGN MILITARY CRITICS.

The Constantinople correspondent of the London "Standard," telegraphing to that journal on Thursday, December 14, says:—

"Though Constantinople would scarcely be imagined to be the place for hearing authoritative military criticism, there are, nevertheless, a number of competent observers amongst the cosmopolitan society here who speak freely, and generally without animus, and their remarks on the conduct of the war may be interesting. The prevailing sentiment is that England is losing prestige by her generals showing ignorance of the progress of the modern science of war; firstly, by attacking heights with the bayonet. It is suggested that from long habit of dealing with native foes the British army in South Africa has attempted impossibilities, exposing its forces to inevitable heavy loss and very probable repulse. Critics declare that during the last 20 years tactics have changed, and that no European general should ever think of storming entrenched fortified heights, well covered by the enemy's guns, with mere infantry frontal charges, unsupported by artillery, and practically without cavalry. Secondly, it is argued that generals should not advance against an enemy of uncertain strength without being sure of being superior at least in artillery; whereas, it is pointed out, the British forces have frequently been inferior in guns; and General Methuen's force, which principally needed cavalry, offered battle with only one regiment of Lancers.

Many also criticise the plan of campaign as splitting the forces, and consider it would have been more practical either to have united General Methuen's, French's, and Gatacre's troops in one body, and so wedged their way forward, or else to have waited patiently till each of these divisions was sufficiently strong in all arms, especially in cavalry and artillery, before advancing. It is admitted that such a policy might have resulted in the fall of Ladysmith and in a partial rising at the Cape, but it is contended that the risk of the former disaster and the latter eventuality possibly would have equally been checked by the sight of the more formidable army being steadily collected. All admire the reckless bravery displayed by the British troops; but they sum up by saying, "It is not war."

WAR OFFICE UNDER-ESTIMATE OF THE BOER STRENGTH.

The New York correspondent of the London "Standard," telegraphing on Friday, December 15, says:—The "Tribune" contrasts the development of the campaign with what was previously said about the Boers. 30,000 peaceful farmers now appear to be 60,000, if not 100,000 men, armed with the best rifles and cannon, supplied with vast stores of ammunition and with vast resources, collected from the taxes imposed upon disfranchised Uitlanders, and all under the direction of Continental masters of the military art. Instead of being a pastoral people they seem to be a peculiarly warlike nation. The writer thinks that this justifies England's appreciation of the fact that her Empire rather than her African colonies are at stake, and that it calls for the unity and determination shown on all sides.

NEWS BY THE IONIC.

EFFECT OF THE SUNNYSIDE ENGAGEMENT.

RECONNAISSANCE NEAR MOLTENO.

THE DISASTER TO THE SUFFOLKS.

BOER ATTACK FOILED.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The steamer Ionic from the Cape brings files to January 13. The news as usual has been mainly anticipated.

ARRIVAL OF LORD ROBERTS AT CAPETOWN.

Lord Roberts's arrival at the Cape caused a scene of much enthusiasm, the people from the city and suburbs assembling in thousands. The following officers arrived with him from England:—Major H. V. Cowan (military secretary), Major-General Kelly Kenny and staff, Major-General C. T. Pretyman, Colonel Viscount Downe, Colonel Earl Errol, Captain Waterfield, Major Henderson, Hume Corringe, Captains Lord Scott, Lord Settrington, H. Booth, Major Hanwood, Colonel Gildea, and Majors Munro, Watson, I. Causter, Lieutenant Cowen, R.N., Lieutenant-Colonel Eubbins, Commander Falcorrene, Lieutenant and Commander Doyley, Lieutenants L. T. Jones and Way, Surgeon Sebb, R.N.

THE SUNNYSIDE REBELS.

Modder River, January 8.—The Sunnyside prisoners aroused great indignation amongst the Queenslanders and Canadians when they learnt the prisoners were nearly all British subjects. One exclaimed: "You are fighting on behalf of a country which refused to give even the rights of citizenship to Britishers, while England allows you sufficient privileges to enable you to elect in her own colony the entire Ministry."

The effect at Douglas of the Sunnyside engagement is already apparent, the rebels being thoroughly nervous at the consequences of their crime. The Boers, according to latest reports, have all gone to Douglas. A mass of incriminating documents has been seized at Sunnyside, which affects not only rebels of the district, but discloses the names of many in the colony who have written letters of sympathy, giving offers of support to the enemy.

LORD METHUEN'S FORCE.

Modder River, January 9.—Natives state that numbers of Boers are leaving Magersfontein, and proceeding towards Colesberg. The bushes in front of the picket lines have been cleared away. Much-needed rain has come.

The approach to the upper pontoon bridge across Modder is in process of completion.

Orange River, January 8.—The hospital is almost empty. The troops are enjoying excellent health. A large amount of Red Cross comforts, including mineral waters, preserves, fruits, tobacco, furniture, and clothing is stored in each hospital. These are much appreciated. During the lull in the fighting all the serious cases have been removed to Wynberg. Amongst the donors, the people of Cradock forwarded over £200 worth of goods for the sick and wounded.

REMOVING FLOUR AT MOLTENO.

Sterkstroom, January 8.—A useful piece of work was accomplished this morning. Two trainloads of troops, with a gun, were despatched to Molteno for the purpose of removing all the meal and wheat stored at the Kaffraria Milling Company's mill. The 500 men speedily shifted the whole of the foodstuffs and sent it back to Sterkstroom. This accomplished the men went on a reconnaissance, and advanced to within two miles of Stormberg, where they located the enemy. They succeeded in drawing the Boer fire, and endeavoured to draw him out, but did not succeed.

THE CAPTURE OF THE SUFFOLK COMPANIES.

Rensburg Military Camp, January 8.—Additional details of the disaster to the Suffolks on Saturday have been received. Two companies reached the summit of the hill, when Colonel Watson addressed the officers and men, and with fixed bayonets the advance was made. When within 20 yards of the enemy's position the Boers opened fire from the entrenchment, and as the colonel gave orders to charge he was shot through the head and fell. The adjutant fell shortly afterwards, but still the men steadily advanced. The Boers meanwhile crept round and surrounded the little band of heroes until, eventually, seeing no hope of resisting any longer, and to save further loss of life, they surrendered. The Boers behaved very well, and helped our ambulance to bury the dead, who had been laid out in rows with helmets covering their faces. They also sang a psalm over the graves. They refused to give up the wounded, excepting two serious cases.

GENERAL BULLER'S ADVANCE.

Frere Camp, January 6.—The camp was awakened early this morning by the noise of heavy guns between Ladysmith and Colenso. At daybreak the naval guns at Chieveley were also fired, and it is believed that Sir George White must have made a reconnaissance down the Ladysmith road. The firing appeared to take a course west and then south of Umbulwana, finally opening nearly the other side of Grobler's Kloof. The cannonade was very heavy for several hours. The Boers' heavy gun at Umbulwana fired incessantly from daybreak.

SURRENDER OF KURUMAN.

Pretoria, January 7.—Field-Cornet Visser reports from Kuruman on 2nd instant that on Monday morning he commenced the bombardment of the forts and the police barracks. This fight lasted until 6 o'clock in the evening, when the garrison surrendered, the men coming out of the forts and laying down their arms. 120 prisoners were taken, including Captains Bates and Dennison, the magistrate (Mr. Hilliard), and 80 other officers. Further news regarding the surrender of Kuruman states that 70 natives were also captured, besides a quantity of rifles, revolvers, and ammunition. Fifteen of the British wounded were attended by Boers with help of their doctor, Mr. Beare. Horses, oxen, mealies, and flour were also captured. The prisoners were sent via Vryburg to Pretoria.

ATTACK ON LIEUTENANT-GENERAL FRENCH'S POSITION.

Colesberg, January 4.—About 5 this morning the left flank resting on a hill about three miles north of Colesberg was attacked by fully 1000 Boers, who appeared from the north. A squadron of Inniskilling Dragoons on picket was driven in, but charged through the enemy in the open, killing several. Then the Boers occupied a small line of kopjes and opened a hot fire on a position occupied by two companies of Berkshires and half a battalion of Suffolks. Four guns of the Royal Horse Artillery advanced and shelled the Boers, making them take cover. Meantime four Boer guns with two Maxim-Vicker's quick-firers fired heavily. The 10th Hussars, supported by a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, were sent to threaten the right flank of the attackers. This, combined with a hot fire from our guns and infantry, caused the Boers to fall back; but the kopjes were still held by a few hundred. About 1 o'clock, after a hot crossfire, 150 of the Mounted Infantry moved concealed along a hollow, and then dismounting attacked along the ridge, carrying without casualty and taking 19 prisoners. The British casualties were small. The 10th Hussars, incautiously approaching a small kopje on which were a few Boers, lost Major Harvey, killed, and had Major Alexander slightly wounded, and a few men hit. The Inniskilling squadron was scattered. The only casualty known is Lieutenant Gibson, dangerously wounded, and three men hit. The Suffolks have two men slightly wounded. The Boers lost over 50 killed, including two field-cornets, many wounded, and one gun damaged.

NEWS BY THE INDIAN MAIL.

Files of Indian newspapers to January 10 came to hand yesterday by the French mail steamer Polynesien, and from them we extract the following information respecting the struggle between Great Britain and the Boer Republics:—

ACTIVITY OF THE WAR OFFICE.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer," telegraphing on January 8, says:—The Lycia left London on Friday, January 5, with 100 waggons, 8000 rounds of lyddite shell, and quantities of small arms ammunition. The Britannia left Southampton on Saturday, January 6, with the 2nd Cheshires, the 19th Bearer Company, R.A.M.C., and extra officers, totalling 40 officers and 1049 men. The America, containing a detachment of Mounted Infantry for the Sixth Division and an ammunition column, numbering altogether 10 officers and 280 men, with an equal number of horses, sailed from London on Friday, January 5. The British Prince, with the second detachment, consisting of men of the Buffs, the 2nd Gloucesters, 2nd Worcesters, numbering altogether 406 men, as well as 550 horses, left on Saturday, January 6. The War Office issues details of four Brigade Divisions of Artillery. The 12th, or Howitzer Division, consisting of the 43rd, 86th, and 88th Batteries, R.F.A., each with six guns, 200 officers and men, and 160 horses, is mobilising at Woolwich. The 13th Division, consisting of the 2nd, 8th, and 44th Field Batteries, and the 14th Division, composed of the 39th, 68th, and 88th Field Batteries, are mobilising at various points. The Howitzer Ammunition Column, consisting of 212 officers and men, 90 horses, 30 waggons, and 260 mules, will be added for South Africa. Other ammunition columns, each of 90 officers and men, 87 horses, and 190 mules, will be added subsequently according to requirements. Four companies of Mounted Infantry, 300 strong, for the 3rd Cavalry Brigade, will be supplied by the 2nd West Ridings, Staffordshires, Essex, and Durham Light Infantry. All will have Burmah horses. Three transports have been secured for the conveyance of the seven battalions of militia, numbering 5300 officers and men. The Umbria leaves on Thursday, January 11, carrying the 4th Royal Warwickshires, consisting of 824 officers and men, the 4th Sherwood Foresters, with 780 officers and men, and the 3rd Durham Light Infantry, with 630 officers and men. The Nile sails the same day with the 4th Royal Lancasters (725 officers and men). She will call at Queenstown for the 5th King's Rifles. The City of Rome will probably sail from Liverpool on Monday, January 15, with the 3rd South Lancashires (824 officers and men) and the 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (828 officers and men). These transports, which call at Capetown for orders, take 26 field officers' horses.

MAGERSFONTEIN.

Letters received regarding the battle at Magersfontein show that General Cronje purposely projected his outworks to some distance from the kopjes in order to prevent the Boers from retiring before our fire. These outworks were manned throughout without reinforcements. The British retreat was an obvious mistake, and was carried out in violation of Lord Methuen's instructions. The Highland Brigade were perfectly safe where they were, and had they stayed there they would have compelled the Boers to go back, and, by nightfall, have won the position. The 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry expended 72,000 rounds of ammunition.

FRICTION IN THE CABINET.

A rupture between Mr. Balfour and Lords Lansdowne and Wolseley is regarded as inevitable. The Commander-in-Chief's complaint is that he was not consulted in regard to the despatch of Lords Roberts and Kitchener; but this is difficult to believe, seeing that the Cabinet decided on the appointments at the end of November. Lord Wolseley threatens to publish disclosures, showing how his hands were crippled throughout.

LORD C. BERESFORD'S CHANGED VIEWS.

The "Times of India" says:—"Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., has made a public statement to the effect that owing to the gravity of the existing situation his mind was entirely changed about the employment of Indian troops. He now thought that native Indian troops, as well as volunteers from England, should be sent to relieve such garrisons as Malta and Gibraltar, so as to set free a proportion of the troops there for service in South Africa. It might be a good opportunity, too, for some of the Indian Rajahs to show their loyalty by offering the services of some of their forces for garrison duty. He also thought that all the naval guns which could be spared from our reserves, and from at least some of our ships, should be mounted on artillery trails and limbers for service in the field of war. This was the more necessary as there were no 12-pounder 12cwt. quick-firing guns in the army, and it could be done without materially interfering with the fighting efficiency of the ships. He thought the Government, without any panic, should at once begin to commission every ship of war in the A Division, so as to be ready for contingencies, which, although now only possibilities, might become probabilities. This was a needful precaution against any other nation taking advantage of existing circumstances by measures adverse to our interests."

LOYALTY OF NATIVE STATES.

Commenting on the loyalty of the native States of India, the "Englishman" remarks:—"Striking instances are almost daily reported which emphasise in a remarkable manner the spirit of loyalty pervading the principal native States in India. The Nizam of Hyderabad's recent patriotic speech has already appeared in these columns, and the young Maharaja of Gwalior's offer of troops, coupled with a personal request to be allowed to serve either on Lord Roberts' staff, or at the base of operations in South Africa, is also an open secret. The offer of horses from Kashmir has been followed by others from Mysore and Jodhpur, the latter expressing his willingness to place every horse in his State at the disposal of the Empire. The Government have, we believe, decided to accept a certain number of the horses which have been so generously offered by the leading native chiefs in India."

A BUSHMAN'S GRIEVANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the Bushmen's Contingent is assuming something of a useful military aspect, I wish, through the columns of your journal, to ventilate an injustice to the men who have responded to their country's call. It is already well known that many of us have come hundreds of miles, made great sacrifices, and incurred expenses far beyond the limit of our means, with the fullest confidence that our patriotic spirit would at least be humanely reciprocated. When the contingent movement was initiated we all thoroughly understood that those who failed in their tests would not receive any pay. So far so good, though, at the same time, this announcement assumed the aspect of a slight on the bushmen as being on an inferior footing to previous contingents. But, at the same time, each man thoroughly understood that if he passed the required tests he would receive pay at the rate of 4s 6d per day from the time he passed the doctor. Immediately that a large number had become qualified they were told, to their utter disgust, that their pay would only commence after enrolment. This, Sir, I feel sure the general subscribing public will resent, especially when in possession of the painful hardship it has inflicted. Scores and scores of the men are absolutely penniless and even without such little necessaries as tobacco, &c., to say nothing of having a compulsory stay in camp day and night because of their inability to purchase tram tickets. This, Sir, is not the way to treat the men. Surely the committee are not intentionally inflicting this wrong! I am, &c.,

ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATES.

THE CAPE CABLE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Premier of South Australia, Mr. Holder, left with Mr. M'Lean to-day a short memo, briefly stating the alterations which the Premiers' Conference wished to make in the Eastern Extension Company's proposal for the Cape cable. Mr. Watt, Postmaster-General, understands that Mr. Holder will forward the full text of the conference decision before the end of the week.

Mr. Warren, manager in Australia for the Eastern Extension Company, states that his company cannot accept the alterations suggested by the Premiers. The company had gone as far as it could, and would reduce the rate immediately the contract for the Cape cable was signed, provided it was allowed to open its own offices and transact business directly with the public when the cable is laid some two years hence. The agreement by which the company received a subsidy of £32,000 per annum from the colony terminated in October last, and, as already stated, it is not seeking a renewal of the agreement by which it is guaranteed against loss to the extent of £227,000. This agreement expires on April 30, and the company will then be at liberty to alter its present tariff rates in any way it may choose.

Mr. Watt states that the decision of the Premiers' Conference to withhold from the Eastern Extension Company the right to transact business directly with the public for a period of five years was in consonance with his own convictions. It is understood the conference came to this conclusion because it feared the company might establish such a connection before the Pacific cable was laid that the business done on the Pacific line would be of small extent.

Our Launceston correspondent telegraphed last night that Mr. J. C. MacMichael, chairman of the New Monarch Gold-mining Company, informed the half-yearly meeting held yesterday that the mine was equipped at the 180ft. level, where they had struck the reef. They were only on the top of the new make of stone, and consequently it was decided to sink, and they could do so without making calls.

NEWCASTLE.

THE GAS AND COKE COMPANY.

A DIVIDEND DECLARED.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The sixty-seventh half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company, Limited, was held in the Hall of Commerce at noon to-day. Mr. W. K. Lockhead (chairman of the board of directors) presided, and there was a moderate attendance of shareholders.

The report of the directors stated that the profits for the past half-year amounted to £2651 17s 4d, which added to £78 13s 5d brought forward from the previous term made a total sum of £2730 10s 9d available for distribution. The directors recommended that this sum should be apportioned as follows:—To reserve fund (which now stands at £13,500), £200; for depreciation, £250; meter fund, £100; dividend of 3s per share on the fully paid shares, and a proportionate dividend on the partly paid shares, absorbing £1884 11s 7d; leaving a balance of £295 19s 2d to be carried forward to the next account. The sales of both gas and residual products showed an improvement on those of the previous half-year, and the works and apparatus were in a good state of efficiency. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts during the past half-year totalled £9820 14s 10d, of which the sum of £9482 2s 2d was derived from gas rates and sales of residuals, and £338 11s 7d from interest. The expenditure on all accounts amounted to £7168 17s 6d.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that the directors had proposed to reduce the price of gas to consumers, but in view of the passage of the Early Closing Act, which might affect the receipts of the company, the proposal had, for the present at any rate, been abandoned. Whether the early closing of shops would reduce the consumption of gas to any extent or not remained for the future to prove. The business of the company continued to increase, and a large number of new customers had been secured.

Mr. F. Gardner seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Thomas Clack, who retired from the directorate by rotation, was re-elected without opposition, and on the motion of Mr. Meikle, seconded by Mr. J. S. Rodgers, a vote of thanks was accorded to the board of directors.

The dividend free of income tax was paid at the conclusion of the meeting.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

The barque Firth of Clyde arrived from Sydney to-day to load a cargo of coal for Valparaiso; the steamer Moerabool sailed for Adelaide with 3950 tons of coal and 350 tons of coke; the steamer Easby left for Melbourne with 1800 tons; the steamer Kooeya left for Davenport, via Kembla, with 800 tons; the steamer Dovedale cleared for Port Pirie, via Port Augusta, with 4180 tons of coal and 350 tons of coke; and the steamer Barrier cleared for Melbourne with 3100 tons of coal.

LAMBTON FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

The suburb of Lambton, which has been in financial difficulties for a considerable time, is again, for a third time, without a council. Two of the aldermen recently resigned and three have retired in rotation, leaving five vacancies to be filled. The time for nominations for the annual and extraordinary vacancies expired yesterday, but the returning officer did not receive one nomination, and the council is consequently without a quorum. An official receiver appointed by the Equity Court in the interests of creditors is in charge of the municipality, and receives all moneys, the only duty remaining for the council to perform being to strike the annual rates. Considerable difficulty was experienced last year in obtaining sufficient aldermen to form a quorum, and over 300 residents were interviewed before the necessary number of citizens could be induced to accept the positions. Even then matters did not run smoothly, and four of the aldermen were heavily fined by the Supreme Court for contempt of Court. Judging from present appearances it will be absolutely impossible to re-form the council for some years, unless the municipality is relieved of its indebtedness by the Government, and this is regarded as highly improbable.

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The annual meeting of members of the Newcastle School of Arts was held to-night. The president (Dr. J. L. Beeston) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of subscribers.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. J. J. Hogg, the report of the committee of management was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Beeston, Mr. H. V. Harris, and Mr. Julius Windeyer were re-elected without opposition to the positions of president, vice-president, and hon. treasurer respectively. Sixteen nominations were received for 12 seats on the committee, and three nominations were received for two auditors. It was resolved that a ballot should be taken among the subscribers on Saturday next.

A lengthy discussion ensued in regard to the urgent necessity for additional library accommodation, and the incoming committee was instructed to report on the proposal to transfer the library to the lecture-hall. The retiring committee explained that the subject had already been discussed, and that the suggestion would entail an expenditure of £500. In reply to this objection several members pointed out that there had been a credit balance on the past year's transactions of £300, and that the assets of the institution exceeded £11,000, whilst the liabilities were nil. The meeting by an overwhelming majority determined that the scheme should be placed before the general meeting of subscribers within six months.

Prior to the annual meeting a special meeting of members was held for the purpose of electing five trustees to fill the vacancies by death and removal. The following were nominated:—Drs. Nickson, Lieutenant-Colonel Bancland, Messrs. J. J. Hogg, J. S. Rodgers, Joseph Wood, and H. J. Brown. After discussion the meeting was adjourned in order to secure the consent of one of those nominated.

ALL NATIONS GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

The half-yearly report of the board of directors of the West Wyalong All Nations Gold-mining Company, Limited, was issued to the shareholders to-day. The report states that "the mine had been fully manned by the tributers until the end of December. Applications had been invited for a party of tributers to continue operations in a chute of gold-bearing country on the south side of the shaft, where a parcel of unpicked stone, mined in December, gave a return equal to 1oz. 17dwt. per ton. The manager (Mr. Reay) is now engaged in keeping down the water in the shafts, and has applied for six months' exemption of the labour conditions pending the sale of the mine to a party now negotiating for the purchase of the property." The balance-sheet showed that the receipts from gold won during the six months were £233 5s 1d, and that the expenditure totalled £353 7s 1d. The credit balance of £32 19s 11d brought forward had been absorbed, and there was now a debit balance of £86 12s 4d. The half-yearly meeting of shareholders was convened for to-night, but as a quorum was not formed the meeting adjourned for a week.

WALLSEND HOSPITAL.

The annual report of the Wallsend Mining District Hospital shows admissions 178, discharged cured and relieved 148, discharged unrelieved 11, deaths 18, remaining in the institution on December 31, 12; operations performed, 151. The balance-sheet shows that the total income, including credit balance brought forward, amounted to £1898 2s 1d, and the expenditure on all accounts to £1083 15s 4d, leaving a credit balance of £514 7s. Mr. A. Ross was re-elected president, and Mr. A. Cook, vice-president. A ballot will be taken for the election of committee.

The president of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of New South Wales, Mr. P. J. Brennan, visited this district yesterday and conferred with the officers and committee of the Newcastle branch of the association at a meeting at the Australian Hotel.

The Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman Timbury, in response to a largely signed requisition has convened a public meeting for Friday to make preliminary arrangements for the formation of a corps of Light Horse in the Newcastle district.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

The information obtainable at the Health Department continues to be of a satisfactory character. It is to the effect that the patient Payne is still progressing towards recovery, and no other case has come under notice.

So far as visitors from South Australia are concerned, they will doubtless be glad to know that henceforth they will not have to submit to the rigid inspection which was established in consequence of it having been reported that two cases of the plague had occurred in that colony. More than a fortnight has elapsed without any other case occurring in South Australia, and in the circumstances the health authorities of this colony feel themselves justified in ceasing to cause vessels to haul up at Watson's Bay while the passengers are being examined with a view to the detection of any case of sickness that might be aboard.

It has been reported to the Premier that a telegram received from the Governor of New Caledonia states that from January 25 to 26 there was one fresh case of plague there, but no deaths; but from the 26th to the 29th ultimo there were no cases and no deaths.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The secretary of the local Board of Health has received a letter from the Town Clerk, Sydney, acknowledging a telegram announcing that grave doubts existed whether the plague ever appeared in this colony, and stating that the publication of that telegram in the Sydney press had a reassuring effect.

THE FEDERAL DELEGATION.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Mr. Holder returned to-day, and stated that Mr. Kingston had been asked by the Government to go to London as the federal delegate. The ex-Premier promised to give a reply on Thursday.

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VICTORIA HOUSE, SYDNEY.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 6.)

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: January 31, Maria D. Larrinaga, s., 4218 tons, Captain J. A. Harrison, for Brisbane; Waikare, s., 3000 tons, Captain H. J. Richardson, for Wellington; Oonah, s., 1767 tons, Captain J. Gibb, for Hobart; Wakatipu, s., 1915 tons, Captain H. G. Morrisby, for Launceston, via Eden; Manapouri, s., 1789 tons, Captain G. Crawshaw, for Suva, Samoa, and Tonga.

Captain Nelson reports that the steamer Electra crossed the Richmond Bar at 5.30 a.m. on the 30th, and arrived in Sydney at noon on the 31st ultimo. Experienced variable winds with fine weather.

Captain Pearson reports that the steamer Wollumbin left Tweed River at 7 p.m. on January 27, arrived at Woolgoolga on the 28th, and left again on the 29th. Experienced from Tweed to Seal Rocks strong N.N.E., from Seal Rocks to Sydney southerly winds and moderate sea.

THE FUTAMI MARU.

Passages engaged by the Futami Maru, Captain Tho., sailing from the east side Circular Quay at noon to-day:—

For London: Justice Chubb, Mrs. Chubb, Miss Chubb, Mr. H. M'Kenzie, Finlayson.

For San Francisco: Mrs. A. H. Fifield.

For Yokohama: Mr. H. Moses, Miss L. Moses, Miss E. Moses, Miss Cooper, Mrs. F. G. Sale, Mr. A. Marks, Mr. F. G. Sale, Mr. O. Sada, Mr. K. Azakura, Mr. A. Kapenbahn, Mr. Watson.

For Nagasaki: Mr. Kaneko.

For Hongkong: Mrs. A. Balfour, Mr. A. Balfour, Mr. H. A. P. Gange, Mr. J. Plaw, Mr. W. B. Taylor, Mr. B. F. Yabiwya, Mr. Carl Brandt, Dr. G. E. Morrison, Mr. G. F. S. Gange, Mr. Peter Go Yee, Mrs. Go Yee and 3 children.

For Shanghai: Mr. Enrico Canale.

For Thursday Island: Mrs. Reid and 2 children, Miss M'Intyre, Rev. Mother Teresa, Sister Ligola, Mr. H. Hides, Mr. W. Nettle, Mr. A. Reid, Rev. G. F. Tomkins.

For Townsville: Mrs. Lyons, Mr. J. Lyons, Mr. F. W. Osborne, Mr. W. C. B. Trew.

For Brisbane: Mr. Hermann Erhard, Mr. Fraser, Captain Clarke, and 30 Chinese in the steerage.

THE STRANDING OF THE AIRLIE.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have advice that the following passengers were conveyed by the United States transport Culena from the Airlie on January 21 and landed at Cooktown:—For Sydney: Mr. J. O. Callender, Mr. A. H. C. Barker, Mr. J. H. Duff, Mr. Manton, Mr. Lawless. For Adelaide: Mrs. Gore and 2 children, Mr. Holtze. For Sydney: Mrs. G. H. Powell, Mr. D. O. Kearns, Mr. Kerr on. For Cooktown: Mr. W. Beaumont. For Cairns: Mr. Farnsworth. For Townsville: Mr. Welsh. For Brisbane: Mrs. Tilston, Miss B. Tilston, Master S. Tilston. For Melbourne: Mr. Gibbins. For Cooktown: Rev. J. T. Tack. For Townsville: Mrs. White. For Brisbane: Quartermaster-sergeant Forbes. For Townsville: Mr. Koyamoto, Mr. J. Owens; and 8 South Sea Island natives for Cairns.

THE EMILY F. WHITNEY.

The ship Emily F. Whitney, which left Newcastle on November 5 for Manila, arrived at her destination on December 27, after a passage of 52 days.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The French barque Normand and the German ship Schwarzenbek arrived at San Francisco on December 28 and 31 from Newcastle, after passages of 82 and 71 days respectively.

WOOL LOADING.

Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co. note:—

The ship Vortigern is taking on board her stiffening, and will complete loading very shortly with a very large cargo, viz., 4000 bales wool, 2000 casks tallow, 1000 tons wheat, 500 tons copra, 300 tons timber, 200 tons ore, and sundries.

The ship Wasdale has also commenced to load, and will have good despatch. Her cargo will comprise about 4000 bales wool, 1800 casks tallow, 250 tons iron, 150 tons shale, 100 tons timber, and about 400 tons copra. This vessel will be followed by the Brilliant, now daily expected.

BRITISH AND COLONIAL LINE.

Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co., the managing agents of this line, advise that the Zulu left Melbourne yesterday, having loaded there 5000 bales wool. She proceeds to Adelaide for a further 1300 bales, making a complement of over 10,000 bales in all. She leaves Adelaide on Saturday next, 3rd instant, for London and Continental ports.

The Afrikander left Sydney last night for Melbourne, where the balance of her cargo for South African ports is awaiting her. She is expected to leave Melbourne on 10th instant with about 3000 tons produce, meats, &c., and about 100 horses, 30 cows, and 600 sheep as deck cargo. She will be followed on the South African berth by the steamer Beira, due at Albany in a few days.

The Beira will commence to load at Adelaide, and will afterwards proceed to Melbourne and Sydney in that order, and will take from this port about 150 horses on deck. She is expected to leave Sydney about 25th instant direct for Capetown.

CHARTERS.

Maria de Larrinaga, s., Australia to South Africa.

Melbourne, s., New York to Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney—General.

Talus, ship, Fredrikstad to Melbourne—Baltic.

Chas. G. Rice, barque, New York to New Zealand ports—General. Thence Auckland to New York—Kauri gum and flax.

Kongsbyrd, barquentine, Kaipara to Sydney—Timber.

Viking, barque, Melbourne to South Africa—Breadstuffs.

Titania, barque, Newcastle to a port not disclosed—Coal.

ISLAND SHIPPING.

Captain Cargill, of the Archer, reports meeting the following vessels at Jaluit, the Titern Robroy, of the Pacific Island Company, Limited; the German barque Victoria was loading copra for Hamburg, and was to leave in a few days for Butaritari; and the Danish barque Fiske was discharging cargo, and was to take ballast copra, and proceed to Ponape, and tap at Jaluit.

ISLAND TRIP OF THE ARCHER.

The Pacific Islands Company's steamer Archer arrived on Tuesday night. Captain Cargill reports having left Sydney on the 12th November for the Islands via Newcastle and North West Islands; left Newcastle on the 14th, and experienced strong head winds and high sea to North West Island which was reached on the 18th, and left same day and called at Ocean Island, Pleasant, and others. Went through the Carolines, and left the same day for New Britain. The Archer arrived at Rotumah on the 15th, and left on January 21st for Sydney. Experienced strong head winds and high seas to port.

SHIPPING FACILITIES AT FREMANTLE.

The harbourmaster at Fremantle has taken up the question of better shipping facilities for sailing vessels, and so prevent if possible the semi-block which occurred some months ago, when the harbour contained about twice as many vessels as berths for them. Finally, he has decided on erecting loading stages at the South Quay, so that even if vessels could not berth alongside the quay they might without difficulty or extra expense be able to load their timber cargoes. The loading stage consists of a pontoon, on which a staging about level with the quay is erected. This staging is fitted with tramlines, so that the timber, on being taken off the trucks, can be placed on small trolleys, which run along to the side of the loading vessel, which lies partly double-banked on two vessels alongside the quay, and there the timber is taken aboard in the usual way. It is intended to erect more of these stages.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Rather more than the usual amount of business was done in investment securities on the Stock Exchange to-day. For New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock an advance of ¼ was offered. In banks City were rather stronger, new issue selling at 75s; Commercial of Australia preferred also improved, New South Wales being quitted at the previous price, and Commercial of Sydney at a reduction of ¼. Australian Joint Stock "B" Deposits eased a trifle, selling at 12s 3d and 12s, and being offered at the latter figure. Sydney Ferries improved 1s, North Coast Steam moving off at the previous quotation. Insurance were unchanged. North Shore Gas, on which the balance of the capital on the new shares is now payable, rose to 27s 6d, at which business was done; Australian Gaslight a trifle easier. Tooth's sold at the previous price. In the miscellaneous list, sales of Mont de Piete and Intercolonial Building were effected at late quotations, Silverton Trams giving way 6d, and Fresh Food and Ice 1½d.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon—Early sales: Commercial Bank of Australia, preferential, 6¼; North Coast Steam, 21s. Late sales: A.J.S. Bank "B" Deposits, 12s 3d; Bank of New South Wales, 39¼; North Shore Gas, 27s 6d. Noon—On 'Change: A.J.S. Bank "B" Deposits, 12s; North Coast Steam, 21s; Australian Gaslight, £17 6s; Mont de Piete, 24s. Late sale: A.J.S. Bank "A" Deposits, 12s 9d; Tooth's Brewery, 26s; Intercolonial Building, 13s. Afternoon: City Bank of Sydney (new), 75s; Commercial Bank of Australia, preferential, £6 13s; Fresh Food and Ice Company, 17s 10½d; Silverton Tramway, 94s, 94s 3d. Late sale: Commercial Bank of Sydney, 25¼. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investors.
F. STOCK, &c.	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
N.S.W. F. S., 1892	2,549,???			4	104½	109	...	[illegible]
Do. Act, 1873	530,180			4	116	...	117	[illegible]
Do., 3p.c. 1924	3,227,622			3	103	99½	...	[illegible]
Do. Deb. 1909	339,??			5	104	103½	...	3½
Do. 3½p.c., 1901	374,900			4	102½	...	...	
Q'land D., 1913	...			4	102	101	...	3¾
N.Z. D., 1913	300,000			4	107½	106	...	3½
Colonial Sugar —D., 1914—	...			5	115	112	...	3½
Chillagoe 6 per cent. Deb., £25 cert's	...				58½	...		
BANKS.								
Aust. J. S.	1,167,207	10	7½		1/3			
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	7	...	61/	...	4½
Royal of Q.	386,???	9	5	2½	50			5
City	240,000	10	8	4	75/	75/	80/	4
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75/	74/6	75/	
Com. of A. pref.	2,117,070	10	10	2	6/13	6/13	6/14	
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	9	25½	25½	25¾	4½
N. of Aus. ord.	1,071,356	10	7		85			
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5		11		
N.S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	39½	39	39½	4½
North Q'nsl'd	100,000	7	2		11			
Q'sland. Nat.	412,080	5	3					
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	35½	34	35	
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...			3	12 9	12 6	13 3	4½
Class B	...			3	12	11 9	12/	5
Ditto Insc.	787,663			3½	10 6	10 1	11/	6½
Dom. of Aus. A ser., 1898	991,163			3	12 2	10/		4½
Ditto assets	...			3	16 9	11 9		3½
E.S.A. series Insc. pref.	683,793			3	14 9	14 9		4½
Ditto, def.	8?5,676			3	12	11 9		4½
Ditto Deb.	983,547			4	11 6	13 3		4½
Ditto Ter.	469,474			4	17 9	14 9		4½
Nat. of Aust.	...			4	20/	19 7½		4½
Q. Nat.	...			4½	14 6	14 0		4½
STEAM.								
Illawarra	58,096	5	3	8¼	6	5¼		5
Newcastle, ex div.	100,000	1	1	6	...	17 6	18/	6½
Nth. Coast	121,740	1	17 6	8	21/	21 9	21 9	5½
Syd. Ferries	120,000	1	1			31/	35/	
P'ort Jackson	25,000	50	25	10	32 6	31/	34/	7¼
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Shs.	9,3??		1	5	17/	16/	...	6
INSURANCE								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7 6	19½	25 3	24/	27	5¼
Mer. Mut.	25,250	1	3 6	13½	10 6	10 6	11/	4½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10		57	...	6½
United	62,500	10	2½	10	64	64/	...	7¼
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12 6	10	14 9	14 6	...	8¼
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12 6	10	18/	17/	...	7
Australian xd	881,798	6	6	9	17 6	17½	17/6/	5¼
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	10	14 3			7
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	44/	41/	45/	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24 3	24	25 6	6½
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	21/	24		6
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	13	12 6	13 6	5¼
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	16 4	15 9	16 6	7½
Newcastle	25,128	5	2	15	5¼	6	6½	5
Ditto		2	8	15		12 6		
N'th Shore.	100,000	1	1	6	27 6	...	28 6	4¼
BREW'RIES								
Albury	10,500	1	10	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	91,000	1	1		...	...	...	...
D'tlm. & Wood Bros.	230,000	1	1	4	12	12 3	12 9	6½
Marshall's	29,701	10	5	6	3 10	3 10	4/	9
Perkins'	58,???	15	15	17		90		
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	7	26	25 9	26/	5¼
MISCELL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10					...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	17 6	19/		...
B.H. W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	15	24	25	28 6	
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	33	32 6	...	5
New Issue	...	1	5	8	7/3	7 9	...	
Ditto Rights	...	...	...	...	2/9		...	...
C. T. Pyrites	...						...	
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	36¼	36¼	37	5¼
New Issue			10	10	2/8			
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5¼	5 6		7½
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1		9/	8/	10/	
Emu Gravel.	34,000	1	1	4½	8 6	6/	...	
Malt, Co., con								
Melb Trams.	480,000	1	18	6	14 1½	13 8	14 6	4½
Mont de Piete	72,809	1	1	7½	24	23/3	24 3	5½
Ditto New	1,500	1	10	7½	20			
Mort's Dock	180,000	1	1	6	16			7½
Ditto Pref.	50,000	1	1	6	21 3	21/		5½
F. Fd. Ice	153,000	1	18	8	17 10½	17 9	18/	8½
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15		5 0	4 6	5 6	
New York and B. Tob., x.d.	15,???	1	1	10	21/	20/	...	9½
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2 1	5	2	1/11	2	6
Perpet. Trust., x.d.	25,000	10	5	7	8 6	...	9	4
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	4	12	11 8	12 6	6½
Sil. Trams	107,800	1	1	40	94 3	94	95	8½
Syd. Exchange	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14		4½
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	1	10	41	41 6	41 9	5
Ditto, 10s paid	37,500	1	10	...	21 3	20		
Vol. L. Orders	...						19/	
LAND & BD.								
Aus. Mut. Dep	...				7 1	...		
Excelsior Dep	...				7/6	7/6		
Fed. B. Dep.	...				14/	14		
Haymark't D.	...		13/	3	12 6	12 6		
Indust. Prov.	63,825	20	20	6	20	20	20¼	
Inter. B. Dep.	33,304	1	15	7	13/	12 6	13 6	8
Newctle B. & L.	...					10/		
Sy. Fre. Land	...				6/10	6		...
Syd. & S. Dep	...				10		7/6	

* Where dividends are interim, the yield is based on year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

Most of the movements in this week's list of colonial securities on the London market given elsewhere show an improvement within the fortnight. The index number of London Stock Exchange values throughout 1899 showed a declining tendency. The total of 325 representative stocks compiled by the "Bankers' Magazine" shows the monthly figures as follows:—

End of		End of	
Dec., 1898	3241 millions	July, 1899	Not calculated
Jan., 1899	3263 "	Aug., 1899	3229 millions
Feb., 1899	3284 "	Sept., 1899	3195 "
March, 1899	3289 "	Oct., 1899	3169 "
April, 1899	3293 "	Nov., 1899	3203 "
May, 1899	3286 "	Dec., 1899	3121 "
June, 1899	3271 "		

A decline of £120,000,000, or 3·7 per cent., took place within the year, occurring within the last few months. As shown in our annual review, representative stocks on the Sydney Exchange, though barely holding their value in the last half of the year, increased about 2 per cent. within the year, the political events of the world having much less influence in the colonies than in Europe.

As we learn from the manager, the Union Bank of Australia has adopted the report, in which a dividend for the past half-year, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, was recommended.

The twenty-first half-yearly meeting of Richardson and Wrench, Limited, was held at the company's rooms this day. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. R. P. Richardson, through illness, Mr. E. P. Simpson presided. The balance-sheet disclosed that the net profits for the half-year amounted to £2071, to which was added £343 from previous half-year, making a sum available for distribution of £2414, which was appropriated as follows:—A dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, £1500; addition to goodwill reduction reserve, £500; and carrying forward to next half-year £414. The report was adopted, and Mr. James Gregg was re-elected managing director, Messrs. H. E. Russell and Wm. Rigg were re-elected as auditors, and after a vote of thanks to the directors and staff the meeting terminated.

The first statutory meeting of the Mornington Oil Proprietary, Limited, was held to-day. Mr. J. Gibbs presiding. The chairman explained that they had been securing the necessary plant during the past four months, and already 100 tons of machinery were on the company's property near Guilford. It is not the intention of the company to export shale, but simply to manufacture crude oil, which is separated into paraffine wax or scale; and heavy and light oils. From these, by a further course of manufacture, kerosene, lubricating oils, naphtha, benzine, and gasoline are obtained, but the company does not at present intend to extend its operations in this direction. After hearing the chairman's report the meeting terminated.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Sydney Cyclorama Company, Limited, was held at the company's offices, Pitt-street, to-day, Mr. Russell Barton presiding. The directors' report stated that there had been an increased attendance of 2906 persons, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, the total receipts aggregating £1296, against £1333 last year. The block of land on which the building was erected, and the adjoining block facing Harris-street, had been purchased for £6000, a loan of £5000 at 4½ per cent. having been obtained on the building and land. The year's business included receipts aggregating £1296, and expenditure £1348, resulting in a loss of £52. Mr. Russell Barton was re-elected director, and Mr. W. Rigg, M.L.A., auditor.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Mont de Piete Company to-day, under the presidency of Mr. Paton, the chairman, the report, of which we have already given the particulars, recommending the payment of a dividend at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum was adopted.

The Customs collections in Sydney for the month of January aggregated £133,354, being an increase of £17,242 as compared with the corresponding month of 1899. For the seven months in comparison with the like period of the previous fiscal year the figures were as follows:—

Months.	1898-9.	1899-1900.	Increase, or Decrease.
July	£141,631	£140,273	Dec. £1,358
August	123,404	137,885	Inc. 14,481
September	108,930	117,787	Inc. 8,847
October	107,832	132,094	Inc. 24,262
November	134,412	131,759	Dec. 2,556
December	121,915	143,803	Inc. 21,888
January	116,112	133,354	Inc. 17,242
Totals	£854,225	£936,935	Inc. £82,709

The Customs revenue of the port for the first seven months of the fiscal year shows a substantial increase exceeding 9 per cent.

The following is a return of the gold and silver exported from Sydney during the month of January, as compared with the figures for same month of two previous years:—

	Gold. Coin.	Gold. Uncoined.	Silver.
January, 1900	£42,681	£20,101	£48,041
January, 1899	471,300	29,450	4,608
January, 1898	472,787	54,820	5,336

The last week in the year in the United States wool market was naturally a quiet one. Prices were steady. According to the "American Wool and Cotton Reporter," all were awaiting the opening of the heavy weight season, which was expected to be characterised by activity, strength, and decidedly higher prices than those of last year. It was thought by the wool trade that the clothiers would be quite willing to pay materially higher prices for goods, although they recognised the possible effects which a very tight money market might exert on the purchasing capacity of the clothing trade. As to the wool trade, it closed the year in very snug shape, with the great bulk of its wool disposed of at prices which had netted good profits. In fact, the year had been among the most profitable ones experienced in a long time. Prices had sustained a large advance, and the purchases for actual consumption had probably been the largest ever known in the history of the trade. In foreign clothing and combing wools there had been a little more doing, one round lot of 50,000lb. of fine combing Australian having been disposed of. Choicest combing wools were selling up as high as 43c. to 44c., and good combing at about 40c. Some clothing Australian had been sold at 36c. to 38c.

The sheep and wool returns of the United States Department of Agriculture for 1899 are summarised by "Bradstreets" at length. Although there has been some slight increase in the number of sheep in the country during the last two or three years, there are fewer by 11½ millions than in 1884, which was the record year with 50,626,626. Since 1890 the number of sheep and wool clip were as follows:—

	No. of sheep.	Wool clip. lbs.	Net import fiscal year. lbs.
1890	44,336,072	276,000,000	...
1891	43,431,136	285,000,000	129,374,000
1892	44,938,365	294,000,000	145,460,000
1893	47,273,553	303,153,000	168,123,000
1894	45,048,017	298,057,000	48,655,000
1895	42,294,064	309,748,000	199,459,000
1896	38,298,783	272,474,000	217,939,000
1897	36,818,643	259,153,000	342,152,000
1898	37,656,960	266,720,000	130,170,000
1899	39,114,453	272,191,000	62,641,000

Last year's import of wool was unusually light, and the stocks in the United States, including wool in bond, are given as 157,398,879lb. as compared with 339,033,853lb. at the close of 1898. The country, it is said by "Bradstreets," was never more thoroughly cleared up than at the end of December—at any rate, since a record had been kept, testifying to the enormous consumptive demand that had prevailed. Of the wool 67,313,000lb. was in Boston, 26,200,000lb. in New York, and 25,295,000lb. in Philadelphia, and of this 53,108,000lb. was domestic, and 60,187,000lb. foreign wool. These figures suggest a strong market. Still, it is noteworthy that American buyers only took 4000 bales at the opening sales of the year in London.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, have compiled for Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company a summary of the amounts of frozen meat exported from New Zealand for the year ended December 31, 1899. The total was 188,932,760lb., as against 159,223,720lb. in 1898, which was the previous largest annual total. Of mutton the export was 2,036,018 carcases, 422,762 legs, and 285,574 pieces, as against 1,705,828 carcases, 619,610 legs, and 352,898 pieces respectively in 1898—the total weight of mutton in the two years having been 124,127,626lb. in 1899, and 108,005,555lb. in 1898. Of lamb 45,242,708lb. was exported, against 40,828,351lb. in 1898. And of beef the export was 19,622,426lb., compared with 10,399,014lb. in 1898. Thus of all descriptions of meat there was a substantial increase in the export.

In reviewing the business year in the United States, "Bradstreet's" notes that 1899 would have been a memorable year if only because of the tremendous rise in the general level of values, reaching the highest point in eight years. That this was not fictitious or based on arbitrary combinations is evidenced by the fact that a corresponding movement had occurred in England. The exports of the United States would again be a record, with a gain of 3 per cent. over the record year of 1898. The list of bank clearings amounted to £18,660,000,000, an increase of 36 per cent. over a year ago, and 74 per cent. over the figures of 1897. Failures were at a minimum, and it was expected that they would be about 17 per cent. less than in 1898. As to the prospects of 1900, the business community looked forward to it with almost equal mixed feelings of hope and confidence. Although it is likely to be disturbed to some extent by the Presidential election, this is likely to be free from currency and other elements of weakness that marked the year of the last Presidential election.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended January 27 was £419,849, against £403,665 in the corresponding week of 1899. The value of the exports in the week amounted to £314,212, against £437,606. From the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

Imports.	1899.	1900.	Increase or Decrease.
Merchandise	£1,316,070	£1,556,148	Inc. £240,078
Gold	201,888	183,282	Dec. 18,606
Total	£1,517,958	£1,739,430	Inc. £221,472
Exports.			
Merchandise	£1,722,542	£1,733,981	Inc. £11,439
Gold	500,750	62,782	Dec. 437,968
Total	£2,223,292	£1,796,762	Dec. £426,530

An increase of 17 per cent. in the imports of merchandise, and one of 0·6 per cent. in the exports of produce, are shown within the month.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was in good request, 3000 bags changing hands at 2s 8d per bushel. Flour remained at unaltered rates, 50 tons of a country brand selling at £6 5s, and 30 tons of Pillsbury's at £9 10s f.o.b.

A Melbourne contemporary draws attention to the somewhat remarkable fact that exactly a year ago 11,000 quarters of Victorian wheat were sold in London at 28s 9d per quarter on a 30s freight, and wheat was quoted in Melbourne at 2s 6d to 2s 6½d. To-day, with the London market only a fraction higher, freights stiffer, and general expenses the same, the price of wheat in Melbourne is fully 1s per quarter or 1½d per bushel higher. This tends to prove that shipping prices in the southern capital have been forced up beyond a normal limit owing no doubt to the too free chartering compelling shippers to compete very keenly for the grain offering. The position is thus commented on by the "Age":—

The point which has attracted by far the most attention in the wheat market of late has been the manner in which prices have resolutely kept above export equivalents. So marked has this been that the pessimistic view the position with disfavour, and are inclined to magnify what may be termed apparent losses. Simultaneously with this condition of things the cautious operator will find that there has been almost an entire cessation of selling of Victorian cargoes in London. Turn back to a year ago, and by this date there had been no fewer than 19 cargoes sold, and though the cheap charters have been pretty well cleared out this year, the later ones, which if filled at present values would probably show a loss, have not yet been placed. Evidently shippers have faith in the future of the market—a faith induced by stress of circumstances—and while trusting on increased weights to carry them through, are speculating largely on the future of prices. The weight point is an interesting one; a little bit off at this end and a little bit on at the other, and apparent losses are soon squared off. And so the game goes on. But at present the market is little short of a mystery.

Up to date 8685 bags of Riverina wheat and 231 tons of flour have been exported in bond through Victoria.

Messrs. John Darling and Son, writing from Adelaide on January 29, state:—

Wheat.—Markets remain in very much similar condition to what they were the previous week. Latest private cables report European market as steady, and that sellers are offering parcels for London at 28s c.i.f. per 480lb., and buyers' ideas are 3d per quarter lower. Cargoes of Victorian wheat sellers have offered at 29s c.i.f., but buyers' ideas are from 3d to 6d per quarter lower, so that this difference prevents any business for the moment passing. Our local markets are fairly steady with no change to report, and quotations may be given as 2s 7½d per bushel for farmers' lots on trucks, and 2s 8d per bushel for shipping parcels at Port Adelaide. Shipments are being made on a fairly liberal scale for the various markets of the world, more particularly South Africa and U.K.

Flour.—There is but little to report as being done in this market, which is quiet, and in the absence of demand quotations may be taken as more or less nominal. We hear of a parcel of 50 tons of ordinary patent roller flour offering at £5 12s 6d per ton f.o.b. out port, and are not aware that business has yet resulted. Ordinary brands are quoted at £5 17s 6d to £6 per ton f.o.b. Port Adelaide, or delivered in Adelaide to the bakers. Best patent roller may be quoted at £6 5s to £6 7s 6d per ton f.o.b. Port Adelaide.

IMPORT MARKET.

The month closed very quietly in all departments. There were no important changes in prices locally. Country orders, however, were freely received, and merchants generally seem to consider that the new month opens with bright prospects. Tea sold steadily by private treaty, another auction being fixed for to-morrow, when a small catalogue of Ceylons will be offered. Considerable firmness prevailed in the sugar market even at the advanced prices, and in some quarters still higher rates are not regarded as improbable. Groceries, dried fruits, Eastern produce, and liquors sold in trade parcels only, there being a lack of speculative inquiry. Metallic lines, jute goods, and oils were all much the same as previously reported, there being no business of magnitude in any of these lines.

Tea.—Privately 100 packages of China teas were placed at 7½d, 25 half-chests ditto at 6½d, and 70 chests of Ceylons at 8½d. Private advices from Colombo state that the market opened there on Wednesday, January 10, when nearly 2,000,000lb. were offered, all of which were sold. The market showed great strength, there being keen competition among London buyers, prices for common teas in that market having advanced during the preceding week. It was anticipated by the trade in Colombo that the British Government would find it necessary to increase the tea duty in April, and they therefore expected a good demand during the next few months. Several cables were, however, received yesterday indicating a fall of from 7½ to 10 per cent. in Colombo. Messrs. Tarrant, Henderson, and Co. give the shipments of tea from Colombo to Sydney during 1899 as 5,827,112lb., against 5,018,203lb. during 1898. During the month of December, however, shipments were comparatively light, totalling only 350,841lb., against 456,320lb. in the previous December. From Calcutta, under date January 6, Messrs. Davenport and Co. state that the first sale of the year was held on January 5, when 17,000 packages were offered, and with the exception of a few breaks of broken pekoes all passed the hammer. The quality was generally well up to the average; but nothing above medium grades was offered. Leaf teas from the Dooars and Sylhet and some Cachars were red and stalky in appearance. The market was firm for all grades of leaf, teas with autumnal character being well competed for. The New Guinea has 265,741lb. for Sydney and the Vakizia 15,704lb.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer at the City Mart to-morrow (Thursday) morning 259 packages of Ceylon teas, ex Orizaba and Himalaya, under instructions from Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co.

Sugar.—Great firmness prevailed in this market, Queensland descriptions outside of the company's sugars being all scarce, including Millaquin. It is advised that the Hongkong refineries are buying raw sugar in Mauritius, which indicates that there is no fear of competition from that quarter. Stocks in Java are advised as having been concentrated.

Groceries.—Candles moved off steadily at late prices. The distributing trade was good, but between houses not much business transpired.

Liquors.—The demand continued of a somewhat steady character. Prices showed no appreciable alteration, Hennessy's brandy selling at 34s, and three star at 45s, with 3d more in the case of small lots. Key gin went at 10s 9d for 15-bottle, and 11s 6d to 11s 9d for 16-bottle. Lowndes's rum ruled firm at 3s 8d to 3s 9d, 15 quarters selling at the latter figure in a line. 25 cases of Martell's brandy changed hands at agents' prices. 150 cases of Usher's whisky moved off, while 100 cases of Thorne's were sold for delivery on the first of the month. Champagne met with a particularly brisk demand.

The stock of Victorian-made spirits is increasing (says the "Argus"). On December 31, 1898, it amounted to 627,709 proof gallons. The quantity made during the year was 491,465 gallons, and the quantity disposed of was 426,099 gallons, the quantity in stock on December 31, 1899, being 693,075 gallons, or more than 18 months' supply. Of the quantity disposed of 261,978 gallons went into consumption, and the balance was either methylated, or used to fortify wines, or wasted.

Metallic Lines.—Ten tons each of Nos. 8 and 10 American fencing wire sold at £10 17s 6d and £11 15s respectively; 25 cases of Orb G.C. iron sold at £19 10s per ton.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were quoted at 5s 9d to 6s, according to parcel, the market being quiet. Branbags changed hands steadily at 3s 10½d. Messrs. Kiernander and Co., writing from Calcutta on January 5, state:—"Prices have been very steady on account of the holidays, and there does not seem any immediate chance of a drop, as there is a keen demand for the country and Burmah trade. There have been one or two inquiries for woolpacks, but no business of importance has been reported. Hessians are quoted steady, and for early delivery high rates are asked." Private cables received to-day advise an advance of from ½d to ¾d in woolpacks.

Oils.—Kerosene ruled quiet at nominally unchanged prices. Cables from Calcutta advise castor as firm, but unchanged.

Hemp.—When last mail left Manila on December 31 there were no vessels loading hemp. On the same date in 1898 no less than 47,000 bales were being loaded for the United Kingdom and the United States alone, including smaller quantities for other ports and including those in Australia. The total hemp receipts at Manila, Cebu, and Ilo Ilo up to the date mentioned, according to Messrs. Warner, Barnes, and Co.'s circular, totalled 492,761 bales against 742,204 bales in 1898 and 875,453 bales in 1897. Shipments to Australia during 1899 totalled 14,576 bales against 15,968 bales in 1898 and 19,029 bales in 1897.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4537. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1758; wine, £37; ale, porter, and beer, £151; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £802; tea, £97; sugar and molasses, £35; dried and candied fruits, £35; preserves, £23; bonded warehouses, 42 Vic., No. 19, £17; pilotage, £23; colonial distilled spirits, £52; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1250; excise on beer, £182. Total, £4537.

EXPORT MARKET.

The following is a return of the principal articles of export for the month of January, 1900:—

Month.	Wool. Bales.	Skins. Pkgs.	Hides. No.	Tal'w. Cks.	Tin. Ingts.	Copper. Ingts.	L'thr. Pkgs.
1900. Jan.	61,646	1,101	25,855	1,415	3,361	42,417	1,092
1899. Jan.	92,983	1,470	22,858	3,284	3,072	37,699	1,167
1898. Jan.	76,035	909	14,444	1,873	3,822	32,380	1,045

Month.	Meats. Cases.	Frozen Meats. Mutton. Carcases.	Frozen Meats. Beef. Pieces.	Horns. No.	Butter. Boxes.	Shale. Tons.
1900. Jan.	24,804	18,516	4,098	102,117	21,107	—
1899. Jan.	15,153	71,143	3,743	129,490	11,909	40
1898. Jan.	8,607	44,151	74	25,870	27,838	1,289

Hoofs and bones: January, 1900, 89 tons. Copra: January, 1900, 472 tons.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 559 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, 213 were received coastwise, and 20 bales came forward by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 30.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	Jan. 31, 1899.	Jan. 23, 1900.	Jan. 30, 1900.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	2,428,000	1,915,000	1,910,000
For Continent	945,000	795,000	750,000
Total	3,473,000	2,710,000	2,660,000

WHEAT.

The cargo of the Earl of Dunraven has been sold at 29s per 480lb. c.f.i.

TIN.

Tin is meeting with an active demand at £130 per ton, spot.

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, 2 higher at 63.

Bank of New South Wales, 1 lower at 39.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged at 33.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 2¾.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, unchanged at 100½.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 106.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 106.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, 1 higher at 103.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107½.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien deb. stock, 2 higher at 94.

M'Cracken's Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 71.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Farmers continue to hold back supplies of wheat, and a slight improvement in the English market is causing them to ask slightly more. 2s 8½d is now required in some quarters, and 2s 8d is obtained fairly readily for large parcels. The market is firm. Flour is unchanged with good business at £6 5s to £6 10s per ton. Bran and pollard 9d and 9½d respectively.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victorian 3 per cents sold at £100 2s 6d; Metropolitan Board of Works 4½ per cents, £104 5s; Metropolitan Fire Brigade, £106 5s; Commercial Bank preference, £6 12s; Commercial Bank Special Assets Trustees, 17s 4d; Silverton Tram, 94s 6d; Mont de Piete, 16s 10d; Mutual Store, 29s.

Wheat is rather excited owing to millers' and shippers' demands. About 4000 bags were bought early at 2s 8½d. Afterwards several thousand bags were sold at 2s 9d. Millers are now asking up to £6 10s for flour. 300 tons sold for export to South Africa. Bran on the spot is scarce at 8½d early delivery, and 8½d March delivery. Pollard, 10½d. Good to prime malting barley firm at 4s to 4s 3d; medium, 3s 9d to 3s 10½d; Cape barley, 2s to 2s 3d. About 6000 bags Algerian oats sold for milling and shipment up to 2s 3d, a considerable proportion being at 2s 2½d. Maize, dull, at 2s 8d. Chaff, 42s 6d; prime green, 47s 6d. Potatoes, 30s; onions, 25s to 37s 6d. 370 chests Indian tea sold at 6½d to 8d; 50 half-chests Ceylon, at 1s. Currants, 5d; sultanas, up to 6½d. A good business was done in caustic soda and silicate of soda for export. About 50 bales cornsacks sold for export; bran bags at 3s 10½d. 600 boxes I.C. coke, tin plates, sold to arrive. An active demand for fencing wire has sprung up. 500 casks cement sold. Deliveries of kerosene for the month are 65,754 cases, being the largest recorded for January. Stocks in warehouse and to land were 204,825 cases. Prime factory butter 9d, choice a farthing higher; eggs irregular, 7d to 7½d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left at 9.30 a.m. with 428 bags maize, 25 bags bones, 107 boxes tinplates, 25 bags (120) pumpkins, 353 bags potatoes, 452 boxes butter, 100 sides bacon, 2 bundles skins, 57 bales wool, 24 bags bark, 127 cases eggs, 70 cases extract meat, 1668 cases meat, 20 cases fish, 10 cases fruit, 120 melons, 54 casks tallow, 26 coops poultry, 1 horse, 247 hides, 3 casks molasses, 20 logs pine, 89 pigs, 38 cans cream, and sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Lower Southgate company paid suppliers an average of 3·19d per gallon on a 3·6 test, and declared a dividend of 4 per cent. Palmer's Island Co-operative paid 5 per cent. dividend and 3½d per gallon on a 3·6 test. The Grafton Dairying Company pays 6 per cent. dividend, besides depreciating plant and adding new plant. It treated nearly 400,000 gallons of milk, and paid 3 11-16d per gallon on an average for year on a 3·8 test. The net return for the butter was 8½d, with a probable dividend from the export scheme. Mr. G. H. Varley, chairman of the board, claimed that the results compared favourably with those of any other company treating a similar amount of milk. Referring to what dairying had done for the district, he said it was worth about £85,000 to £90,000 per annum, and dairy farms in good situations were not procurable in the Clarence districts, and he hoped the Grafton to Casino railway would soon be constructed, so as to open up dairy lands along the route, which would settle about 1000 families, and more if paspalum grass was utilised.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

In this week's shipment of cheese from Moruya Factory was an order, through a Sydney firm, for 2 tons for South Africa.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were uniformly dull in all departments to-day, while supplies under offer were ample for all requirements. There was very little business passing owing to this being the last day in the month. The half-holiday observance on the part of grocers and retail produce merchants also materially helped to reduce the volume of trade. The chief feature of the grain market was the difficulty experienced in placing maize, even at lower rates. Both bran and pollard had quiet sale at about late quotations. Forage lines were plentiful and in moderate request. Owing to the increased supplies of potatoes forward, prices ruled weaker. The inquiry was only fair, choice samples commanding most attention. The market was bare of choice onions. In dairy produce, business was slack and prices unchanged. Eggs, which were scarce, had an improved sale.

Messrs. George Wells and Matthews announce elsewhere that they will sell a heavy catalogue of produce at their salerooms at 12 o'clock, comprising maize, both Northern river and fresh landing American, Victorian chaff, racehorse hay, wheat.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—New Zealand prime feed quoted at 2s 6d, medium 2s 4d to 2s 5d per bushel.

Maize.—Plentiful and dull. Northern River weevily, 2s to 2s 5d; best 2s 6d; choice samples, free from weevil, 2s 7d; choice southern, to 2s 9d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; grey, 2s 10d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, choice, 2s 3d; feed, 2s per bushel; English feed, 2s per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime rack, £3 10s to £4; medium, £2 15s to £3; chaffing sorts, £1 17s 6d to £2 per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. Prime, £2 15s; medium, £2 7s 6d to £2 10s; railway, small bales £2 15s to £3 per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, local, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s; imported, £1 17s 6d to £2; local bundled, £2 per ton.

Chaff.—Imported extra choice green, £3 7s 6d; prime, £3 5s; medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior, from £2 10s to £2 12s 6d. Local: Prime, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior and dusty up to £2 12s 6d per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 7½d; pollard at 8¾d to 9d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Railway, choice, £3 10s to £4 15s; special lots to £4; other sorts, £2 17s 6d to £3 7s 6d; Victorian, choice, £3 to £3 5s; Hunter River, £3 to £3 10s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 6d, second-class, 5½d; flitches, 5d; middles, 6½d to 7d; mild cured 6d; farmers' lots, 5d; extra prime, 6½d; flitches, 4½d; Bodalla sides, 6½d, flitches 6d, and middles 7½d; hams, 9d; local hams, cloth, 9d; small weights, 8½d. New Zealand, 8½d; English 9d; small weights, 9½d per lb.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, 4½d; medium, 4d; large medium 3½d, choice 4d, inferior spongy, 2d to 3½d; Bodalla, 5d per lb.

Poultry.—Plentiful. Fowls, 2s to 2s 6d; prime, 2s 9d to 3s; prime heavy young roosters, 3s; English river ducks, 2s to 2s 6d; locally reared, 2s to 2s 6d. Muscovy ducks, 3s to 3s 6d; drakes, choice, 4s to 4s 6d; geese, prime young, 4s to 4s 6d; turkeys, gobblers, 10s to 12s; extra choice heavy, to 15s to 20s; hens, 5s to 7s per pair.

Butter.—Plentiful. Best factory, 9d; second quality, 8d to 8½d; dairy, 6d to 7½d per lb.

Eggs.—North, choice, 10d; South, 11d, choice 12d; suburban new-laid duck, scarce, 1s 2d; hen eggs, 1s 2d per dozen.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Small supply. Good demand. Foot-wood, best, 13s to 14s 6d; medium, 11s 6d to 12s 6d; rough, 9s 6d to 11s; bakers' split, best, 10s to 11s 6d; second quality, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; large dry, 11s to 12s, large green, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; billets, good (box) 10s to 11s 6d, (ironbark) 8s 6d to 9s; second quality, 6s to 8s; bundled, 11s to 12s 6d; rough, 9s 6d to 10s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d to 4½d; special lots, 5d; bulk, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Bright clear samples, 1s 1d; dark varieties to 1s per lb.

Onions.—New local: Hunter River, £1 15s; Victorian, choice, nominal.

REDFERN SALE.

A fairly good supply of produce was offered at auction this morning to a good attendance of buyers, who operated steadily in most lines. Ordinary prime chaff made 3s 3d, good medium 2s 11d to 3s 2d, and inferior and dusty 2s 6d to 2s 9d per cwt. Lucerne hay had improved sale at slightly higher rates. Prime green in small bales realised 3s. Choice green in trusses sold at 2s 10d, and good quality at 2s 2d to 2s 6d, while prime in large bales made 2s 4d to 2s 6d per cwt. Prime straw moved freely at 2s 3d per cwt. Oaten hay was plentiful and dull of sale at 1s 6d to 2s 1d for inferior descriptions. Bran brought 7½d, and pollard 8½d per bushel respectively. Chickwheat was cheaper and in poor request at 2s 2½d to 2s 3d per bushel. The supply of potatoes forward this morning totalled over 1100 bags. Bidding was rather slow, even at slightly lower rates. Prime fetched 3s 6d to 3s 9d, medium to 3s 3d, and small 2s 7d to 2s 10d. Extra choice lots were in demand at 3s 9d to 4s per cwt. Watermelons were easier, the inquiry being fair at 11d to 4s 1d per dozen according to size and sample. Pumpkins were in demand at 1s 6d to 4s 8d per dozen.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 27 trucks; lucerne, 8; pumpkins, 2; oaten hay, 6; straw, 1; bran, 1; watermelons, 0; chickwheat, 4; and potatoes, 17.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co., R. Little and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., H. M. Prescott and Co., J. Bridge and Co., A. M'Arthur and Co., R. Hall and Son, Ellis and Co., Shepherd, Harvey, and Walker, G. Wells and Matthews, F. Chapman and Co., Dent and Perry, and Heaton Bros.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From M'Phee, Penrith, (truck No. 9975) and (287) 2s 10d; Treburn, Penrith, (4582) 2s 6d; Crawford, Camden, (6679) 2s 6d; W. H. Morley, Gentie, (8551) 3s 3d, (3946) passed; Ponton, (321) 2s 9d; M'Dermott, Spring Hill, (4380) passed, (2540) 3s 3d; Madden, Boronore, (8903) 2s 8d; Dunsford, Kelso, (2432) 2s 10d; M'Millan, Narromine, (5767) 3s 1d, (9145) and (9803) 3s 2d; R. and A. Scott, (1367) passed; Harvey, Trangie, (9947) 3s; Westlake, Dripstone, (5582) passed; M'Alister, Wellington, (9030) 2s 6d; M'Kinnon, Moonbi, (1999) 2s 7d; Short, Carcoar, (99) 2s 8d; C. R. C. Tisdale, Cunningara, (1812) 2s 6d, (3930) passed, (x170) 2s 6d, (10016) 2s 6d; Woods, Webb's Siding, (2817) 3s 4d; Starr, Mumbil, (5611) 3s; Cope and Phillips, Curlewis, (8388) 2s 6d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From James Mogg, Mudgee, (8651) 3s; Armstrong, Windsor, (4284) 2s 6d; Hibbert, (5586) 2s 10d; W. Davis, Mulgrave, (4557) 2s 4d; J. J. Paine, (7800) 2s 2d; Laidlow Bros., Moonbi, (4756) 2s 6d; Porter Bros., East Maitland, (2787) 2s 5d; T. Barr, Moonbi, (4107) 2s 4d, oaten hay 1s 6d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick: From James Drew, Mudgee, (10050) 2s 3d per cwt.

Hay.—From Purcell, Penrith, (1741) 1s 6d; Abury, Camden, (x28) 2s 1d; James English, Penrith, (2574) 1s 10s; J. Small, Camden, (2880) passed; Healey, Newbridge, (3514) passed; Robertson, Tamworth, (2321) 2s 1d per cwt.

Chickwheat.—From Clark and Crocker, Manilla, (5469).

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passed; G. W. Milling Co., Millthorpe, (5116) 2s 2½d; W. S. Suttor, Koorawatha, (x216) passed; Mayoh, Harden, (6654) 2s 3d and 2s 2½d per bushel.

Bran.—From Queanbeyan Roller Flour Mill, (5450) 7½d; pollard, 8½d; wheat, 2s 2½d per bushel.

Potatoes.—From Fairfield, (10097) 6 bags branded YA2 passed, 49 YA 3s 10d; Emu Plains, (4770) 14 no brand 3s 9d; Fairfield, (585) 16 A 4s; Windsor, (4248) 13 TM 3s 3d, 16 O 3s 11d, 16 JB 3s 7d, 14 J 3s 3d, 15 W 3s 8d, 9 ED 3s 5d; Clarendon, (4920) 25 IA 3s 6d, 15 JA 3s 4d, 18 IJC 3s 3d; Richmond, (9866) 16 GE 3s 3d, (6820) 18 RP 3s 3d; 20 MW passed, 13 XXX 3s 6d, 14 WH 3s; (10040) 8 branded 4 3s 3d, 14 X 3s 1d, (831) 12 HEP 3s 3d, 12 YT 1s 8d, 12 CP 2s 9d, 17 DC 3s, 14 EZY 3s 6d, 18 no brand 3s 3d; Mulgrave, (5661) 17 no brand 3s 3d, 13 JP conjoined 3s 3d, 18 RO 3s 5d, 17 A 2s 5d, (3695) 10 IH 2s 7d, 9 W 3s 7d, 25 FR 3s 6d, 15 TK 3s 2d, 3s 3d, 14 No. 2 passed, 14 WU 3s 7d, 16 AH 3s 4d, 16 RJ 3s 6d, 4 TG 2s 9d, 13 no brand 3s 1d per cwt.

Watermelons.—From Stewart, Penrith, (6162) 1s 4d; W. Hollier, 2s 3d; R. Gordon, (8872) 2s 3d; C. Moyes, 11d; Jackson, (4634) 3s 4d; and pumpkins 3s 1od; Field, Penrith, (722) 10d and 1s 3d; Joshua Field, 2s 1d, and pumpkins 3s 4d; Holyer, (2194) 3s; and rock melons 1s 11d; J. Devlin, Richmond, (9066) 1s 4d, and 3s 6d; R. Farlow, 12 PB 3s; (5561) 5 WGS 3s 4d, 34 SJ part 3s 2d, 9 TB 3s, 14 X 3s 6d, (9581) 17 DJS 2s 7d, 23 JM passed, 13 FB 3s 6d, (2941) 13 V 3s, 15 WC 3s 4d, 15 Z 3s 1d, 16 JY 3s 2d; (7357) 20 AR 3s 1d, 18 IXL 3s 4d, 9 O 2s 10d, 18 C 3s 5d; Windsor, (17) 12 IA 3s 6d, 16 ALI 3s 6d, 12 JO 3s 3d, 14 N 3s 6d, 16 RF 3s 6d, 16 JB 3s 6d, (8192) 15 WAD 3s 4d, 14 AH 3s 4d, 5 JJW 3s 3d, 20 branded 8 8s, 13 blue A 3s 2d, 12 No. 4 3s 6d; Windsor, (1092) 12 "red rag" 3s 3d, 18 IJC 3s 3d, 18 SM 3s 4d, 20 STG 3s 6d, 14 AH 3s 3d; Windsor, (5502) 17 F 3s, 15 RG 2s 9d, 15 J 3s, 15 AA 3s 4d, 13 small AA 3s 3d, 12 DH 3s 4d; Windsor, (3610) 14 JD 3s 1d, 12 "red rag" Richmond, (3926) 1s 7d, and pumpkins 3s; J. F. Shields, 4s 1d; A. Shields, Richmond, (10040) 2s 9d; D. Clemson, 1s 6d per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From G. H. Parker, Penrith, (6162) 1s 6d; T. Gardiner, Richmond, (3926) 4s 6d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Plentiful supplies of all kinds of seasonable fruits were under offer at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Owing to the dull weather early in the day trade was rather slack in most lines. Grapes were in heavy supply, the demand being fair at a further reduction on yesterday's rates. Large quantities of grapes are arriving each day from the southern and northern districts. Choice peaches, nectarines, and passion fruit had a steady sale, while medium and inferior qualities were plentiful and dull of sale. The market was almost bare of bananas, pending the arrival of a Fiji boat to-morrow (Thursday). Pines moved slowly at low prices. Watermelons had a moderate amount of attention at reduced prices. Other varieties of fruits were in slow request at quotations.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Green, 3s 6d to 4s; choice, 4s 6d to 5s; coloured, rough, 3s to 4s; good, 5s to 6s; choice, 7s to 8s per gincase. Italian, 9s, 10s, and 17s per case of 160, 180, and 300 respectively.

Apples.—Local: Dessert, Carpenters, rough, 4s to 6s; good, 8s to 9s; choice, 10s to 12s; Trivetts, small, 3s to 4s; medium, 7s to 8s; choice, 9s to 10s; cooking, 4s to 6s; choice, 5s 6d to 6s; jam lots, 2s per gincase.

Bananas.—Scarce. Fiji, 1s 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s to 3s 6d per bunch, 9s to 10s per case; Queensland, 1s 6d to 3s per bunch, 8s to 9s per case.

Peaches.—Small, 2s 6d to 3s; medium, 3s 6d to 5s; prime, 6s to 7s; choice Elberta, 8s case; choice clingstones, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; slipstones, choice, 4s to 5s; extra large red, 6s per half-case.

Nectarines.—Small, 2s 6d to 4s, good 5s to 6s, prime 7s to 8s per gincase, choice 4s to 5s per half-case.

Pears.—Cooking, 3s 6d to 4s, dessert 5s to 7s, choice 9s to 12s per gincase.

Oranges.—Imported: Italian, 15s and 17s 6d per case of 17 and 25 dozen respectively.

Passionfruit.—Choice, 3s to 3s 6d per half-case, inferior 2s to 3s, good 4s to 4s 6d, prime 5s to 6s per gincase.

Plums.—Scarce. Japanese, 4s to 5s, choice large 6s to 8s per gincase. Goulburn district, 2s 6d to 3s per quarter-case.

Pines.—Common, plentiful, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per case.

Tomatoes.—9d to 1s 6d; choice, 2s to 2s 3d per half-case.

Watermelons.—Small, 2s 6d to 3s; medium, 3s 6d; choice, 4s to 4s 6d; extra large to 6s per dozen.

Rockmelons.—2s to 2s 6d; choice large, 3s per gincase.

Grapes.—Black Hambro', 1d to 1½d, choice, 1½d to 1¾d; Muscatel, 2d to 3d; choice, 4d; white sherry, 1d to 1½d per lb.

English Blackberries.—3s per dozen quarts.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

The offerings at the Homebush sales to-morrow (Thursday) will be as follows:—

Sheep, total:—27,027.

Cattle, total:—758.

ADELAIDE STOCK SALES.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Cattle: Only 480 yarded, all but a few head being of very indifferent quality. Prices showed a marked advance, anything prime and weighty commanding keen competition. Fifty came from the north, 30 from south-east, and the remainder from local sources. Prime beef made 24s per 100lb. We sold 60 cattle. Sheep had another small supply, viz., 6300, forming the plainest selection of quality for years past. The demand was spirited at further enhanced rates. Shippers took 180, graziers 600, and 160 were unsold. Prime merino wethers made 14s, extra 15s to 15s 6d, prime ewes 12s, crossbreds 15s. We sold 1000.

GOULBURN STOCK SALES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The stock sales to-day were well attended. There was a very large yarding of cattle, including about 1000 head of stores, and with the exception of store sheep the market was weaker, and store sheep realised last week's prices. In many cases stock were withdrawn. Store bullocks brought £3 10s; store cows, 30s to 35s; dairy heifers, 30s to 44s.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1370 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 40 from New South Wales, 500 from the north-eastern district, 600 from Gippsland, 100 from the westward, and the remainder chiefly from paddocks near town. The bulk of the supply ranged from fair ripe to useful qualities with a fair sprinkling of prime handy to good weights, and including about 200 cows. The market opened brisk, with an improved tendency, and although competition was not sustained throughout, on the whole last week's rates were fully maintained, closing weak. Prime prime bullocks, £9 10s to £10 7s 6d; extra pen, £11 10s; odd beasts, £13; good pens bullocks, £8 5s to £9; medium and handy weights, £7 10s to £7 15s; inferior and light steers, from £5 17s 6d; prime pens cows, £7 to £7 15s; good ditto ditto, £5 15s to £6 10s; others, from £4 10s. 180 fat calves penned sold readily at slightly improved rates.

MELBOURNE MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market prices ruled as follow:—Beef, prime bodies 18s to 19s per 100lb., medium 16s to 17s; prime forequarters 14s, medium 12s to 13s; prime hindquarters 24s to 25s, medium 22s to 23s; lambs, prime 7s 6d to 8s 6d each, medium 6s to 7s.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 1s to 6s per case; damsons, 2s to 3s 6d per case; filberts, 6d to 9d per lb.; figs, 2s 3d to 3s per half case; grapes, 4s to 6s per case; Italian oranges, 10s to 18s per double case; Italian lemons, 19s to 23s per double case; mulberries, 3d to 4d per lb.; nectarines, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case; peaches, 2s to 5s per case; pears, culinary 2s to 3s per case, dessert 2s to 5s; plums, 3s to 4s per case.

AMUSEMENTS.

CONTINGENT FUND MATINEE.

The matinee organised by Mr. Charles Holloway at the Lyceum Theatre yesterday resulted in a substantial addition to the Bushmen's Contingent Fund, especially considering the counter-attractions of the regular matinees at Her Majesty's and the Criterion Theatre, the civic concert at the Town Hall, the intercolonial cricket match, and the Kensington races. Mr. Ernest Blackstone (business manager) states that £65 0s 6d was realised by the sale of seats, programmes brought £2 7s 11d, and £5 6s 9d was thrown upon the stage in response to Mr. George Rignold's recitation. As all the artists of both Mr. Holloway's companies, and all others connected with the Lyceum, gave gratuitous help, and as the actor-manager himself paid the cost of advertising and incidental expenses, the sums named above were not subject to any reduction. On the contrary, Mr. Charles Holloway subscribed £2 4s 10d, bringing the total amount available to £75. The main attraction of the afternoon was the performance of the favourite melodrama, "The Power and the Glory." At the end of the first act the orchestra, under Mr. Fugarde, played patriotic selections, and Mr. George Rignold then recited with spirit "The Absent-minded Beggar." Mr. Rignold, who emptied his own pockets into the tambourine, and thus encouraged the audience to "Pay, pay, pay," brought the poem up to date by changing the second line of the refrain to "One hundred thousand horse and foot arrived at Table Bay." At the close of the verses, which were not otherwise altered, the popular actor was recalled with general enthusiasm. The list of "casualties" was confined to a cut on the lip, fortunately slight, which caused the actor to turn his back to the storm of coin—a proceeding which caused much amusement.

THEATRE ROYAL MATINEE.

As already noted "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" will be played at the Theatre Royal this afternoon, when refreshments will be served in the vestibule to ladies who hold reserved seat tickets.

CIVIC CONCERTS.

The regular civic concert at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon was opened by the city organist with Rink's "Flute Concerto for Organ," a piece which displays admirably the fine quality of the stop representing the instrument in question. The serenade from "Don Juan," in which the baritone voice was represented by the vox humana, with the flute as a substitute for the orchestral pizzicato, also found favour. A similar combination was employed in M. Wiegand's new composition, "A Prayer on the Ocean," which proved to be tender and melodious, and dreamily devotional in character. Pieces by Bach, Guilmant, and Mendelssohn were included in the programme. Miss Eva Mylott, who was warmly recognised on her re-appearance after her provincial tour, rendered Rodney's "Resurrection Morn." Miss Marie Narelle's solo was "Convien Partir" (La Figlia del Reggimento), and Signor de Alba contributed Gounod's "Nazareth." All three artists were cordially applauded. Mr. Nicholas Gehde was the pianist.

THE BOER WAR.

The hall of the Y.M.C.A. was crowded last evening, on the occasion of Mr. A. Watsborn's lecture entertainment on the Boer war. A long series of interesting lantern views of scenery and recent military incidents in South Africa were shown.

PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

A smoke concert will be given by the Public Service Association at the Town Hall to-morrow, when a popular programme will be presented at popular prices. Messrs. Aug. Wiegand, N. J. Gehde, Lyall Johnson, Harrie Wilkie, E. A. Mowle, F. Brownlow, H. Freeman, E. J. Fulton, Charles Howard, Alec Edward, Arthur J. Lewis, Dave M'Clure, W. H. Poggett, the Public Service Glee Club, and the Naval Artillery Volunteers will assist.

Post a copy of this week's "Mail" to your friends in other climes, and show them what a real "bushie" is.—Advt.

Three Views of the Fighting Bushman—The Man, by "Sylvan;" The Horse, by "Milroy;" "His Home," by "Lana"—form interesting reading in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Although a smaller volume of business was reported yesterday in the Mining market, prices generally were slightly more buoyant than on Tuesday. Wickham and Bullock Island, coal, sold at 11s 3d. In silver stocks exchanges were very restricted, but British Broken and B.H. Proprietary closed firmer; B.H. Block 14 being weaker. Amongst local gold companies Mount Drysdale brought the improved price of 22s, and Federal Centrifugal Sluicing realised Tuesday's rate, Araluen Proprietary changing hands at 19s 6d, others being quiet. Victoria G.M. Association at 3s 1d was the sole Queensland representative, other Queensland together with Victorian ventures being stagnant. There was a moderate extent of exchange in Western Australian stocks, prices closing with a slightly more buoyant tendency. Great Boulder Proprietary reported a lower average yield, and shares were quoted at Tuesday's figures. Ivanhoe Gold Corporation scrip was a good deal firmer, whilst improvement was also manifested in Brown Hill Central, Great Boulder Perseverance, Kalgurli South, Lake View South, and Queen Margaret No. 1 South.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	9/	—
Hetton	—	29
Newcastle	9/10/	—
Stockton	4/	5/
Vale of Clwydd	4/6	6/
Wallsend	22/0	23 0/
Waratah	7/6	10/
Wickham and Bullock Island	11/	11 3
Ditto, new	5/6	6 3
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	25/	—
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	30/	—
Girilambone	—	6 6
Great Cobar	80/	90/
Lake George Mines	5/	11/
New Mount Hope	5 6	8/
North Nymagee	—	5 1
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	14 3	—
Ditto, new	13/	15/
Broken Hill Proprietary	45/	45 6
Block 10	—	6 12
Block 14	24 6	26/
Junction Nth.	8 6	9 3
North Broken	—	17 6
North Central	1 d	1/
B.H. South	22 9	23 3/
Ditto, con.	22/	23/
TASMANIA.		
Mount Black Proprietary	2/	2 4
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek Consols	1/6	—
Falkner's	—	1/
Mt. David	—	3/
Ditto, con.	—	1 6
Mt. Drysdale	22/	—
Occidental	7 3	—
Peak Hill	6 9	7/
Ditto, con.	3 9	4 3
Woodlark Island	—	2/
Ditto, con.	—	1/6
DREDGING AND SLUICING COMPANIES.		
Araluen Proprietary, pd.	19/	20/
Araluen Valley Consolidated, paid	—	20/
Clarence River, con.	—	9
Colombo, con.	3/	—
Federal Centrifugal, pd.	12/	14/
Jerrienorra	2/	2 6
Ditto, con.	—	1/
Jembaicumbene, con.	7/	8 6
Little River Dredging, con.	—	5/
Macquarie No. 2, paid	—	8 6
QUEENSLAND.		
Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, &c.	5/	—
Ditto, con.	4/	4 6
Mt. Morgan	98/	5 1/
Oriental and Glanmire	—	19/
Victoria G.M. Association	3/	3 6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	5/17/	6/0/
Boulder Half-mile South	6 9	—
Brown Hill Central	2 9	3 2
Croesus Proprietary	2	2/3
Gt. Boulder	35 9	36
Ditto Main Reef	27/	31/
Gt. Boulder Pers'ver'ce	10/4	10 7/
Hannan's Block 45	9 3	9 9
Hannan's Oroya	54 6	55/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, con.	—	1/
Imperial Boulder	3 4	3 7
Ivanhoe	13 16 6	14 0/
Ivanhoe Junction	7/	7 6
Kalgoorlie Mint	—	14/
Kalgurli	7 0	7 9
Kalgurli South, London register	5 1	5 3
Lake View South	21/	22 6
Maritana	—	1/
Queensland Menzies, pd.	5/	7
Queen Margaret	9 6	10 3
Queen Margaret Central	—	2 7
Queen Margaret No. 1 South	11d	1 4

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Gold: Mount Drysdale, 22s; Boulder Half-mile South, 7s 3d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 27s 10½d; Hannan's Oroya, ex dividend, 56s; Kalgurli South, London delivery, £5; ditto, London register, £5, £5 1s. Noon—Coal: Wickham and Bullock Island, 11s 3d. Silver: North Central, 11½d. Gold: Federal Centrifugal, paid up, 13s 9d; Victoria G. M. Association, 3s 1d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £10 6s; Hannan's Oroya, ex dividend, 55s 3d, 55s 6d; Kalgurli South, on ones month, £5 2s; Lake View South, 21s, 21s 3d. Afternoon—Silver: Mount Black Proprietary, 2s 2d. Gold: Araluen Proprietary, paid up, 19s 6d; Great Boulder Perseverance, at 12 days £10 6s; Hannan's Oroya, ex dividend, 55s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Gold: Great Boulder Main Reef, 28s; Kalgurli South, £5 2s.

Under date January 27, the mine manager of the North Central Broken H. S. M. Co. reported that the eastern drive at the 550ft. level had reached 236½ft. from the main north drive, the face still continuing to keep about the same as previously reported. The north drive at the 300ft. level has reached 25ft. from crosscut. The seam in the drive has been a little smaller during the week. The eastern crosscut at the 300ft. level has reached 100½ft. from the north drive. There is very little change.

Booth's shaft of the Overflow Silver Mining Company, No Liability, was sunk 12½ft. for the fortnight ending January 20, the material in faces not showing any change. The 100ft. south level in the Kurrajong section had reached 133ft., the face showing dense sulphide ore of lead and copper, but at this point carrying a large amount of zinc blende very finely intermixed. As this level is extended south towards the rich shoot of copper ore exposed in the Kurrajong drive at the 60ft. level, the ores will improve in quality and width of lode. The cyanide final clean up has resulted in 264oz. bullion, valued at £383. Heavy thunderstorms on January 19 and 20, filled all the company's tanks. Twenty-eight bars of base lead bullion have been despatched through Messrs. Wright, Heaton and Co., to the Australian Smelting Works, Dapto, for sale.

Letters received in Western Australia from Mr. H. C. Callahan, of the Lake View Consols, Kalgoorlie, intimate that he would sail direct from San Francisco for Australia about January 24.

Telegraphing on January 29 the mine manager of the Victoria Gold-mining Association (Charters Towers), N.L., reported having crushed 270 tons of stone for 312oz. of gold; and also obtained cyanide bullion of the value of £275.

At the Shoalhaven Terraces Gold Dredging Company the contractors are making rapid progress with the construction of the pontoon. All the material is on the ground. This portion of the work will be shortly completed.

Three thousand three hundred and seventy-seven tons of blister copper have been consigned by the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, Tasmania, for the current half-year to January 24.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Ophir Amalgamated Gold-mining Company, No Liability, was held on Monday at 90 Pitt-street, Mr. F. J. Thomas presiding. The report of the directors stated that the New Ballarat Mining Company, No Liability, had recovered possession of the leases formerly held from the Tasmanian Government, and in consequence of communications received from the Ophir Amalgamated Company's London agent an arrangement had been made between the Ophir Company and the Ballarat Mining Company to place the two properties under offer till May 1 for sale to a company that was proposed to be formed in London. It is understood that the purchase money for the Ophir property will be paid in shares. The report was adopted. Mr. Cecil Vaughan was re-elected director, and Mr. R. Beveridge auditor.

At the meeting of the Mount Bischoff Company to-day, Mr. William Hart, M.L.C., chairman, said that the lode was looking much better than it had done for some time. The fixed deposit now stood at £20,000, and £51,000 had been paid in dividends during the half-year. He combated the idea that the mine was getting worked out, and quoted at length from Mr. Kayser's report, which was very satisfactory.

CONDOBOLIN, Wednesday.

The annual general meeting of the Condobolin Gold-mining and Quartz-crushing Company, No Liability, was held on Saturday afternoon at the council-chambers. There was a good attendance of shareholders. The directors' report and balance-sheet and the general manager's report were adopted. The following were nominated as directors:—Messrs. D. H. Tasker, F. Watson, D. Scott, R. Whitehead, J. M. Styles, G. C. Driffield, C. A. Reuben, R. W. Weaver, E. P. Dicks, Dr. Gurdon, J. Holmes, and Arthur Dubois. As only seven directors are required a ballot will be taken next Saturday.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A general meeting of shareholders of the West Sunlight Reef G. M. Company, Hillgrove, was held to-day. The report set forth that during the half-year great difficulty had been found in paying up the large amount which was owing for wages. This had been carried out from calls, but it was found that to enable the mine to be started within a reasonable time it would be necessary to get money apart from calls, and a meeting was held at which the directors had received the necessary powers to give security. The money then arranged for, however, had not yet been paid, and this had caused delay in starting the mine, but the directors hoped that it would be at work again in a week or so. After the meeting had adopted the report it was decided to remove the management of the company to New South Wales.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

On 'Change to-day Chillagoe Railway and Mines sold at 30s to 29s 9d.

BALLARAT, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Birthday South, 6s 10d; Creswick Proprietary Hydraulic Sluicing, £4 15s; Glenfine Estate, 13s 9d; Glenfine Southern, 5d; Glenfine Consols, 12s; Great West Glenfine, 1s 7d, 1s 6d; Kangaroo, 3s, 3s 1d; Long Thought Of, 2s 3d; Main Leads North, 1s 10½; Moonlight North, 9d; North Woah Hawp, 7s, 7s 1d; Red, White, and Blue, 8s 9d; Rice's Freehold, 2s 1d, 2s; South Bower, 1s 1d, 1s; South Imperial, 1s 9d, 1s 10d; South Pitfield Consols, 3s 9d; West Berry Consols, 4s 5d, 4s 6d; Woady Yaloak, 5s 9d.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—St. Mungo, 4s 8d; Garden Gully United, 50s (25); Shenandoah, 9s; Extended South Devonshire, 1s 6d.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The B.H. South mill last week treated 1736 tons of crude sulphides, returning 327 tons of first concentrates, bulking 65·9 per cent. lead, 18·3oz. silver, 8·9 per cent. zinc; also 120 tons of second product of fair metal value. The stopes are maintaining their usual satisfactory appearance; the week's average assay of the material broken and milled was:—24·2 per cent. lead, 9·7oz. silver, 17·4 per cent. zinc. The new stopes at the 700ft. level near the central boundary are improving in size both south and west, and there is every prospect of a large body of sulphides at this point.

B.H. Block 10 despatches during the past week totalled 1125 tons, including 762 tons of tailings, to the local zinc separation works.

The B.H. Proprietary shipments for the past fortnight to January 24 to Port Pirie aggregated 7155 tons, comprising 4379 tons of oxidised ores and 3076 tons of mill products.

The North Broken plant, working three shifts, treated last week 871 tons of crudes, assaying from the trommels 20·6 per cent. lead, 10oz. silver, and 15·8 per cent. zinc. The despatches were 315 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie: the balance remaining on the mine is 285 tons. The working stopes throughout the mine, although looking satisfactory, are without anything of unusual interest. The far north drive at the 600ft. level is showing a slight improvement.

The Junction North mill dealt with 680 tons for the week, yielding 111 tons of concentrates, bulking 59·4 per cent. lead, 30·4oz. silver, 7·1 per cent. zinc. The week's despatches were 286 tons of concentrates to Port Pirie. The main workings at the 850ft. level are looking very encouraging. Mr. Thomas, general manager, anticipates that the mill will be able to run three shifts daily within three weeks. The stopes at the extreme ends north and south at that level are opening satisfactorily. The north drive has been resumed in a good face of milling ore. Progress is somewhat slow at the 950ft. west crosscut, which is still carrying hard diorite.

B. H. Block 10 plant last week treated 2616 tons of crude ore, producing 458 tons of concentrates, bulking 34·56oz. of silver, 64·52 per cent. lead, 7·57 per cent. zinc. The estimated quantity of concentrates lying on the floors is 485 tons. The productive workings are looking most satisfactory, the average assay for the week being 15·1oz. silver, 16·1 per cent. lead, 21·8 per cent. zinc. Exploratory work has been without any special feature during the week.

CROYDON (Q.), Wednesday.

The Golden Gate Nos. 3 and 4 South after a fortnight's run with 10 head of stamps obtained 1040oz. of gold. Over 3000 tons of stone are on top, and a further 10 head of stamps will be used. It is expected that the mine will maintain an output of from 3000oz. to 4000oz. of gold per month. The Black Maiden mine's crushing of about 400 tons of stone will be completed by the end of the week. A return of from 4oz. to 5oz. per ton is expected.

COOLGARDIE, Wednesday.

Holmes and party, owners of the Merriwee King lease, Siberia, have had 33 tons of stone crushed at the Fole Battery for a return of 74oz. 1dwt. 12 grains of gold. The Merriwee King was prospected and taken up early in November last. After sinking to a depth of 25ft. a drive was put in 48ft., and stone for the crushing was stoped. From this level to the surface the reef is small, varying from 3in to 18in. in width, but shows gold freely, and is widening with depth. It is intended to sink the main shaft and cut the reef at a lower level.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brilliant Block, paid, 6s 6d, 6s 2d; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, 4s; ditto, paid, 5s 4d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 5s 1d.

The Victoria and Caledonia Block has declared a dividend of 3d per share.

The Brilliant Central has crushed 285 tons of stone for 245oz. of gold.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Smith reports the following sales:—Columbia No. 2 North, 3s, 3s 0½d; Great Eastern No. 3 South, 1s 1d, 1s 0½d; Oriental and Glanmire No. 1 North, 15s 4d, 15s 3d; North Oriental and Glanmire, 9s 1½d, 9s; Smithfield and Golden Pile, 13s.

Quotations:—Columbia Consolidated, contributing, seller 3s 4d, buyer 2s 8d; South Glenmire and Monkland, seller 21s 6d, buyer 20s; Columbia and Smithfield, seller 3s 6d, buyer 2s; Gympie Gold Mines No. 1 South, seller 4s, buyer 3s 7d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, seller 11d, buyer 10d; North Smithfield, seller 13s 6d, buyer 10s; Phoenix and Golden Pile, seller 5s 6d, buyer 4s 9d.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Curtin and Davis, seller 1s 6d; Hercules, seller 16s; Mount Black, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 1d; Central Lyell, seller, 1s 6d; North Prince Lyell, seller 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer £8 10s, seller £9; Lyell Consols, paid, seller 7s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, seller 18s 9d; Red Hills, seller 2s; Mount Bischoff, seller £41.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The return of the Great Boulder Proprietary for the past four weeks is as follows:—Treated by the battery on the mine, 3331 tons of ore, yielding 4319 oz. of gold; crushed at Boulder No. 1 mill, 88 tons for 51oz.; tailings cyanided, 5379 tons for 3219oz. Total yield, 7589oz.

The management of Hannan's Oroya has ceased ore shipments for the present, owing to the shutting down of the Fremantle smelters. It is probable that these works will be restarted in a few weeks, when the shipping of ore will be resumed; meanwhile the bagging of ore has been stopped on the south block.

The cutting of plats at the 300ft. level of the Central and West Boulder's six-acre block is nearly completed, and crosscutting will be started in a few days.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: Mabel, 6d; New Monarch, 2s 6d, 2s 5½d; South Hercules, 1½d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 30s.

Quotations: New Monarch, buyer 2s 5d, seller 2s 5½d; Central Ringarooma, buyer 1s 10½d, seller 2s 1d; Tasmania, buyer £5 6s, seller £5 9s; North Tasmania, buyer 8d, seller 1s; White Pinafore, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 9d; Magnet, buyer 37s 6d, seller 45s; North Magnet, buyer 2s 6d, seller 5s; Silver King, buyer £18; Devon, buyer 1s, seller 1s 3d; North Farrell, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer £8 10s, seller £8 12s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 1s, seller 2s 3d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 17s; Red Hills, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 9d; Tasmania Copper, buyer 4s 3d, seller 5s 6d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, buyer 29s, seller 30s; Arba, buyer 11s 6d, seller 13s; Mount Bischoff, buyer £39 12s 6d, seller £40 5s; Ringarooma Dredging, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 1d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Among mining companies to-day sales were:—B.H. Block 10, £6 6s; B.H. Block 14, 25s; B.H. South, paid, 23s 6d; Mount Lyell, £8 9s, £8 14s, £8 12s; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 10½d, 10d; Lyell Tharsis, 17s 7½d, 17s 9d; Mount Lyell Reserve, 1s 6d; North Crown Lyell, 6d; South Mount Lyell, 15s; Tasmania West Extended, paid, 2s, 2s 1d; Brothers' Home No. 1, 6s 6d; Waverley, 4s; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 30s, 29s 9d, 30s 9d, 30s 4½d; Copper Top, 1s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, £5 15s, £5 14s, £5 18s; Great Boulder, 35s 6d, 36s, 35s 9d; Hannan's Block 45, 10s; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £13 13s, £13 19s; South Kalgurli, £4 19s, £5 2s 6d; South New Moon, 25s 6d; Long Tunnel, £70; ditto, Extended, £25, £25 2s 6d; Argyle, 2s; Band and Loch United, 2s 5d; Egerton, 1s; Extended South Devonshire, 1s 6d; Gippsland Boulder, paid, 4s; Glenfine Consols, 12s, 11s 10½d; Glenfine Extended, 15s; Glenfine South, 85s, 81s; Hanlon's, 3s 4d; Kangaroo, 3s 2d; Long Thought Of, 3s 2d; Melville Glen, 5d; Maude and Homeward Bound, 7s 9d; M'Gregor's, 6s 2d; New Victoria Klondyke, 9½d; North Prentice, 23s; Old Nuggety Reef, 1s; Red, White, and Blue, 8s 10½d; Southern and Prentice, 3s 5d; Specimen Hill, 4s 4½d; Spring Hill Central, 5s 1d.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

At the Forget-me-not Company's property, the Kurrajong line of reef, the main shaft has been sunk to 250ft. In the south level, which has been extended 20ft. from the shaft, a rich mineral lode was cut and driven along the chute. The yields average 7½oz. of gold to the ton. Appliances are capable of coping with the influx of water. Molloy and party, portion 10 Hiawatha, have treated two tons of stone at Nicolas and Beymond's battery for a yield of 5½oz. of gold. The following parcels have been treated at Nicolas and Beymond's battery:—Star of Peace, 9 tons, yield 3oz. 16dwt. of gold; Klink's Company, 8 tons, yield 5oz. 1dwt. 6gr.; Muldoon and party, 9 tons, yield 7oz.; Union Company, 30 tons, yield 18oz.; Australian Star, 5 tons, yield 4oz.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B.H. Proprietary, 45s 3d, buyer 45s 3d, seller 45s 6d; B.H. Block 14, buyer 24s; British Blocks, buyer 14s 3d; ditto, new, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s 6d; B.H. Block 10, £6 5s, £6 4s 6d, buyer £6 4s; B.H. Junction, seller 17s 9d; Junction North, seller 9s 7d; B.H. South, paid, buyer 23s, seller 23s 6d; ditto, contributing, 22s 9d, buyer 22s 6d, seller 23s 3d; North Broken, buyer 16s 6d; Boher Creek, buyer 2s 3d, seller 6s; Associated Gold Mines, £5 15s, £6, £5 19s, buyer £5 19s, seller £6 19s 6d; Bayley's United, 7s 9d, 8s 2d, buyer 8s 2d, seller 8s 3d; Hannan's Block 45, 9s 6d, 9s 10d, buyer 9s 9d, seller 9s 11d; Boulder Central, paid, 4s 5d, 4s 4½d, buyer 4s 4½d, seller 4s 6d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 2s, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s 1d; Boulder Half-mile South, 7s 1d, 7s 6d, 7s 4d, buyer 7s 3d, seller 7s 5d; Boulder North Extended, 2s 4½d, 2s 7d, buyer 2s 7d, seller 2s 8d; Brown Hill Junction, 9d, 10d; Brown Hill Central, 2s 10d, buyer 2s 9d, seller 2s 11d; Golden Queen, 1s 3d, 1s 2d; Great Boulder, 35s 4½d, 35s 9d, buyer 35s 7½d, seller 35s 9d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 28s 6d, 28s 10½d, buyer 28s 9d, seller 29s; Great Boulder Perseverance, £10 8s, buyer £10 7s, seller £10 10s; Hannan's Eureka, 5d; Hannan's Oroya, 55s, 55s 6d, 55s 3d, buyer 55s 3d, seller 55s 6d; Imperial Boulder, 3s, 3s 3d, 3s 2½d, buyer 3s 2d, seller 3s 3d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, buyer £13 11s; Ivanhoe Junction, 7s 6d, 7s 9d, 7s 3d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 12s 6d, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s 6d; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 10d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, buyer £7 2s 6d, seller £7 7s 6d; Lady Mary, 8s 3d, buyer 8s 3d, seller 8s 5d; Lake View Consols, buyer £13 17s 6d; Lake View South, 21s, 22s 3d, buyer 22s, seller 22s 3d; North Kalgurli, 25s, 26s, buyer 25s 6d, seller 26s 6d; Princess Royal, contributing, 17s 3d, buyer 16s 9d; Queen Margaret, 9s 9d, seller 10s; Reefers' Eureka, contributing, 1s 2½d, 1s 2d; South Kalgurli, £4 19s, £5 2s, £5 1s 6d, buyer £5 1s, seller £5 2s; Sulphide Corporation, 16s 1½d, 16s 3d, buyer 16s 3d, seller 16s 4½d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 30s 6d, 31s, 30s 9d, buyer 30s 6d, seller 30s 9d.

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DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Victoria and Caledonia Block, C.T., 3d.
Mount Morgan, Queensland, February 1, 7d.
Long Tunnel Extended, Walhalla, February 1, 8s.
Lake View Consols, Kalgoorlie, February 1, 10s.
Shenandoah, Bendigo, February 1, 1s.
Kohinoor G.M. Company, Parkes, February 1, 6d.
Hepburn Estate Lease-hold, Smeaton, February 1, 1s.
Spring Gully Junction, Fryers, February 2, 6d.
Victoria G.M. Association, C.T., February 7, 3d.
Lord Nelson, St. Arnaud, February 8, 1s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Australian Star, Wyalong, 5 tons, 4oz.
Brilliant Central, C.T., 285 tons, 245oz.
Great Boulder Proprietary, Kalgoorlie (month), 8819 tons, 7589oz.
Golden Gate Nos. 3 and 4 South, Croydon (Q.), 1040oz.
Klink's Company, Wyalong, 8 tons, 5oz. 1dwt.
Mount David G. M. Company, Rockley, 760 tons, 227oz. 10dwt.
Molloy and party, Hiawatha, 2 tons, 5oz. 5dwt.
Muldoon and party, Wyalong, 9 tons, 7oz.
Star of Peace, Wyalong, 9 tons, 3oz. 16dwt.
Union Company, Wyalong, 30 tons, 18oz.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.
H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms at 11.30. Land, Houses, Civil Service Co-operative Share.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.
A. TRAVERS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Drapery, Clothing, Mercery, &c.
DALWOOD and CO.—At 193 The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Sewing Machines, Pianoforte, &c.
FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11.30, Teas.
A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, &c.
J. BROWN and CO.—At 37 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Bicycle, &c.
BARNARD and CO.—At 454 Harris-street, Pyrmont, at 11, Boiler, Engine, Vices, &c.; on premises, Surry-street, Darlinghurst, at 3, Furniture, &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO.—At Old South Head-road, Waverley, at 11, Furniture, &c.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, Haymarket, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.
A. MITCHELL.—At Ruthven-street, Waverley, at 10.30, Furniture, &c.
H. LEVY.—At 75 Engine-street, at 2.30, Clothing, Furniture, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11, Clothing, &c.; at 12, Books, &c.; at 2, Jewellery, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hair, Horns, Bones.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Stores, Hair, Horns, Bones.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.
W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.
W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs, &c.
G. WELLS.—At the Corporation Buildings, corner of Market street, at 12, Maize, Chaff, Wheat, Oats, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.
A. BARNETT.—At 140 George-street, Camperdown, at 11, Building Materials.

Government Notices.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
Sydney, 12th January, 1900.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1896.

Unhealthy Land Fronting Hampden, Royleston, and Cecil Streets, in the Borough of Paddington, not to be built upon.

The Board of Health having reported that, after due inquiry, they are of opinion that it would be prejudicial to health if certain land situate on portion of Begg's Estate, Paddington, and fronting Hampden, Royleston, and Cecil streets, described in volume 842, folio 77a, at the Land Titles Office, Sydney, and comprising lots 41 to 47 inclusive, 50 to 55 inclusive, 87 to 95 inclusive, and 117 to 122 inclusive, were built upon in its present condition, for the following reasons:—(a) Many loads of decomposing and offensive house-refuse and street-sweepings have been deposited upon the land; (b) because refuse of this description is putrescent; (c) because in the natural course of decomposition such refuse gives off gases and vapours which are prejudicial and dangerous to the health of persons exposed to them; (d) because such products escape to the air, and must enter the air contained in any house built upon or in the close neighbourhood of such deposits. And that, in order to render such land fit to be built upon, it is necessary that all the house refuse and street sweepings on it should first be dug up and removed:—I hereby declare, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by section 67 (1) of the Public Health Act, 1896, that such land shall not be built upon until the measures above referred to, which are also specified in a document deposited in the office of the Local Authority (the Council of the Borough of Paddington), and open to the inspection of any person, have been taken, or this notice is revoked by me.

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE,
Colonial Treasurer.

(2s-3)

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF CAMPERDOWN.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. MICHAEL LARKIN and FRANCIS HIGMAN have been duly appointed VALUERS of all Rateable Property within this Borough for the municipal year 1900-1901.

THO. PROBERT,
Mayor.

Town Hall, Camperdown,
31st January, 1900.

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CLEAR THE LIVER, STOMACH, HEAD, and KIDNEYS,
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Funerals.

THE Friends of Mr. E. W. GORDON, Jun., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, which will leave his residence, 41 Mt. Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF,
Telephone, 1527. Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mrs. E. W. GORDON, Sen., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mt. Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COX are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mt. Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. BRAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mt. Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. CARNEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mt. Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mrs. S. COX and Family are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE and COUSIN, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of HUGH, ELIZA, MARTHA, LILLIE, EMILY, NELLIE, and ELIZA GORDON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Und.

THE Friends of JOHN and ETHEL COX are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their beloved SISTER, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. DAVIDSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Alice A. Gordon, which will leave her late residence, 41 Mount Vernon-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

SWZELSKY.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN SWZELSKY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Mary; to move from his residence, Pitt-street, near Liverpool-street, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. CROCKETT, Sen., and SON, Undertakers, Leichhardt.

COURT CONCORD, O.R.F.—The Officers and Brethren of the above Court, together with the Officers and Brethren of the various Branch Courts of our order, are invited to attend the Funeral of the WIFE of Bro. SWZELSKY, to move from his residence, Pitt-street, near Liverpool-street, city, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. Bro. CROCKETT, Sen., and SON, Undertakers, Leichhardt.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Margaret; to move from their residence, 88 Missenden-road, Camperdown, THIS DAY, Thursday, 2 p.m., for the Necropolis. JAMES WEEKS, Undertaker, Newtown. Telephone No., 9 N.

JENKINS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. JENKINS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved Infant SON, William N. P.; to move from their residence, 513 Elizabeth-street, S. H., THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock sharp, for Necropolis.
HART and SONS, Undertakers, 186 Devonshire-street.

WILMOT.—The Friends of the late SAMUEL WILMOT are invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. S. R. Miller, Waitangi, Concord-road, Concord, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Necropolis.

CHAPPLELOW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CHAPPLELOW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Eric; to move from their residence, Forest-road, Hurstville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 2 o'clock, for Hurstville station, thence to Sutherland.
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A.—A Double ROOM, furn., suit resp. M.C., 7s 6d week. 64 Bathurst-st., city.

A BEAUTIFUL front Bal. ROOM vacant, with board, terms mod. Trafalgar, 42 Newtown-rd., city.

A COMMODATION for m. c. wanted, on farm near Sydney, riding, &c. Terms, Bobs, Herald Office.

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A FRONT ROOM, comfortably furnished, suit married couple, mod., 1 min. tram. 101 Pitt-st., Redfern.

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PITT-STREET.
TO-DAY. TO-DAY. TO-DAY.

"Bargains in Household Goods."—Brown Turkish Towels, coloured stripes, 5½d, 7½d, 8½d, 11½d.
White Turkey Towels, 27in. x 54in., 12½d each.
White Turkey Towels, for the bath, 2 yards long, 1s 11d each.
Huckaback Towels, striped ends, 3s the half-doz.
Hemmed Serviettes, ¾ size, warranted all linen, 2s 4½d, 2s 11d, and 3s 11d the half-doz.
Striped Curtain Canvas, double widths, 4½d, 6½d yard.
White Linen Table Damasks, 2 yards wide, 1s 7d, 1s 10d, 2s 3d, 2s 11d, 3s 11d yard.
Unbleached Damasks, 1s 1½d, 1s 3d, 1s 4½d, 1s 7d, 2s 3d yard.
Frilled Pillow Cases, 1s 6d, 1s 9d, 2s 11d pair.
Lace-trimmed Pillow Cases, 3s 6d, 3s 11d pair.
Frilled Muslin Curtains (very pretty), 3½ yards long, 10s 9d pair.
New Fancy Muslins (for draping, &c.), 28in. wide, 3s 9d doz.
White and Cream Curtained Muslins, tasselled each side, 1s 5½d yard.
White and Cream Curtain Muslins, frilled each side, 1s 6d yard.
Cream and Coloured Madras Muslins, plain edge or tasselled edge, all reduced in price.
Lace Curtains, White or Cream, 4s 3½d to 23s 6d pair.
A few pairs of Soiled Curtains, greatly reduced.
Novelties in Tucked Nainsooks for Pinafores, &c. Tucked-all-over Muslins, in newest designs, all reduced in price.
White Sheetings, all widths, reduced in price.

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BOARD and Residence, 16s and 18s week, single balcony rooms. 58 Young-st., next Hotel Metropole.

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WANTED, BOARD and RESIDENCE, 2 ladies going to business, Surry Hills pref. A. B. C., G.P.O.

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WANTED, BOARD and Residence, 2 bedrooms, Victoria-st. N., or locality. Ladysmith, Herald.

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WANTED, by Married Couple, furnished BEDROOM and unfurnished Sitting-room, with or without attendance. North Sydney preferred, terms moderate. Apply V. D., Herald Office.

WANTED, by a Lady, with two children 14 and 12, permanent BOARD and Residence, piano, Enmore or Stanmore preferred. J. M. YELLAND, Estate Agent, 350 Stanmore-road.

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WANTED, young GIRL to assist in the house, another kept. Apply Mrs. A. Turner, 71 Elizabeth-st., city.

WANTED, young Girl, GENERAL. Apply 43 Bourke-st., Moore Park.

WANTED, a young Girl as General, no family. Apply 28 Foveaux-st., S.H.

WANTED, a good General Servant. Mrs. King, 253 King-st., Newtown.

WANTED, smart General, good wages to trustworthy girl. After 9, Mrs. Alexander, Photo Co., Enmore.

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WANTED, first-class Shirt IRONERS. Apply Mrs. M'Innes, 174 Darling-st., Balmain.

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WANTED, a General SERVANT. Apply Darling's-chambers, 138 Pitt-st.

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WANTED, young GENERAL, light housework, small family. 6 Georgina-st., L'Avenue, Newtown.

WANTED, tidy useful GIRL, assist in housework. 103 Darlington-rd., Darlington.

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WANTED, BOYS, smart, respectable, sell sweets evening; also Fruit Sellers. 6 o'c., Stage Door, Criterion.

WANTED, a General SERVANT or Cook and Laundress, for hotel. Apply 21 Bathurst-st.

WANTED, a BOY, one able to drive. Apply J. Torrens, grocer, Railway-rd., St. Peters.

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WANTED, clean tidy little GIRL, mind children and useful. Shirley, 15 Cecil-st., Ashfield.

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WAITRESS, c'try hotel, 11 sharp; 2 L. dresses, stns.; L. Help, stn., assist house and children, no rough work; L. Help, c'try; Governess and Help, about 35 yrs., c'try; 6 Japs., stns., high wages. Miss Lovett, 60 Eliz.-st.

WANTED, 2 GIRLS, 1 Waitress and Barmaid, 1 Housemaid and Needlewoman, for hotel Parramatta. Apply Alameda Hotel,
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WANTED, a thorough General or Cook and Laundress, housemaid kept; also a Girl, about 15, as Nurse and assist. Apply after 10, to Mrs. HARVEY, Barham, Forbes-street, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, middle-aged MARRIED COUPLE, without encumbrance, man must be a practical gardener, and be willing to undertake the usual duties on a small farm, the wife as cook and gen. S. J. H., Herald.

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WANTED, Housekeeper, working, country, 17s; Ls., H'maid, W. line, gd. stn., 16s; C. and L., Orange, 15s; all subs., 14s to 18s; 40 Gens., all subs., 9s to 17s 6d; Laundress, Randwick, 15s. Mrs. M'Manus, 126 Strand.

WANTED, a Girl about 15 as Mother's HELP, personal references, sleep at home.
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